

SYMBOLIC IMAGES OF THE BIBLE EXPLAINED IN THE NEW REVELATION THROUGH JAKOB LORBER AND GOTTFRIED MAYERHOFER

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The facts that the known Scriptures and especially The Old Testament are spiritually encoded, that people need divine revelation to understand them, that such revelation happened when the Lord Himself explained them to His disciples and that there will come a time when He will bring His wisdom to the people in plain language are all clearly pointed in both the Old and the New Testament. We thus invite you to investigate some Bible verses pointing to the following:

GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WISDOM IS TO BE REVEALED BY HIS SPIRIT. MEN KNOW NOTHING FROM THEMSELVES. THE OLD TESTAMENT IS VEILED. THE LORD OPENED IT FOR HIS DISCIPLES. PLAIN LANGUAGE PROMISED BY THE LORD IN BOTH THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT !

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The previous references being noted, we will add here a collection of explanations of the spiritually encoded prophetic language of the Bible as they can be found in the New Revelation. However, please consider that this is far from being exhaustive and also that the meanings of God's eternal and infinite words are not to be seen as restricted to just these short explanations that are given as basic instruction for Lord's people.

*It is definitely, of great importance to study the Scripture in the light of these disclosures and observe how much, as a result of that, the understanding of the messages of the old prophets and Revelation increases as also the consistency between them and the teachings of Jesus; this is indeed a most compelling demonstration that **God** (and the God of the entire Bible) is **the same yesterday, today and forever** (Heb 13:8) and that **the spirit of prophecy is nothing else but a testimony of the Jesus** (Rev 19:10).*

THE MEANING OF THE SCRIPTURES is understood when THE SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE (THE SCIENCE OF CORRESPONDENCES) used in them is known: The Scriptures are veiled, their internal spiritual sense being protected by natural images, first, in order not to be destroyed by evil intentions and then so to keep the human soul spiritually active. The threefold

meaning of the Scriptures. The key to spiritual scriptures. The LETTER kills. The SPIRIT gives life. **THE WATER TURNED TO WINE** means today THE NEW REVELATION, THE PLAIN TRUTH REPLACING THE VEILED LANGUAGE OF THE SCRIPTURES ⁱⁱ

THE MEANING OF MOSES CEREMONIES relates to THE MISSION OF THE LORD ON EARTH and to SOCIAL (POLITICAL) and HEALTH-RELATED PURPOSES ⁱⁱⁱ

THE ARCHITECTURE COMMANDED BY THE LORD (Exod 25:2 on, 1 Kings 6) suggests HIS ATTRIBUTES AND ACTIVITY ^{iv}

HEAVEN in man (Genesis 1) mean THE SPIRITUAL (THE RIGHT LOVE, THE RIGHT INSIGHT, THE RIGHT INTELLECT, MANIFESTING AS LIVING FAITH), **EARTH** means THE NATURAL (LOVE, FEELINGS) and **THE WATERS/ SEA** mean THE KNOWLEDGE/ COGNITIONS. **THE FIRMAMENT** is THE FIRM WILL WITHIN DIVINE ORDER, **THE LIGHTS** ON THIS FIRMAMENT are WISDOM from the Heaven of Heavens. **THE GREAT LIGHT** (to rule the day) and **THE SMALL LIGHT** (to rule the night) are THE SPIRIT and THE SOUL of man ^v

EARTH (SOIL), SEEDS and VEGETATION and FRUITS (Genesis 1) mean LOVE, , THE GOOD AND TRUTH COMING FROM THE RIGHT COGNITIONS THE RIGHT COGNITIONS and ACTS COMING FORTH FROM LOVE; also in the Parable of the Sower, Sermon on the Mount and other ^{vi}

In the image of JACOB'S LADDER (Gen 28:12), **THE EARTH** is THE LOVE IN THE HEART OF MAN, **THE HEAVEN** is MAN'S WISDOM OR ENLIGHTENED MIND, **THE SUN OF HEAVEN** for the heart is THE NATURAL MIND, **THE ANGELS** are THE THOUGHTS, IDEAS AND CONCEPTS ASCENDING FROM LOVE TO TRUE WISDOM AND REVERSE, **THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE HEART OF MAN** is THE LOVE FOR GOD AND FELLOWMAN ^{vii}

THE SEA (Psalm 107 & other) means THE WORLD, the adverse **WINDS** mean the WORLDLY ACTIVITIES. ^{viii}

DAY and **NIGHT** in their spiritual meaning are the SPIRITUAL LIFE and THE MATERIAL LIFE; **EVENING** and **MORNING** are the SPIRITUAL MORNING and SPIRITUAL EVENING; **THE SHIP** (Isa 33:21, Dan 11:40 & other) is the MAN LIVING IN THE WORLD. **SUNSET** and **SUNRISE** (Genesis 1) denotes the MATERIAL and THE SPIRITUAL. ^{ix}

MELCHIZEDEK was THE LORD HIMSELF ^x

JOB'S TEMPTER (SATAN) was THE JUDGED SPIRIT OF HIS FLESH ^{xi}

THE LORD SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE LORD IS JESUS AS SON IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER OR GOD'S WISDOM IN RELATION TO GOD'S LOVE (Psalm 110:1, Matt 22:41-46) ^{xii}

THE VIRGIN or **THE WIDOW** (Isaiah 54:2-8) is THE LORD'S TEACHING ^{xiii}

THE RAIN or **WATER from Heaven** (Psalm 84 & other) is **LORD'S TEACHING, THE WISDOM FROM HEAVEN** ^{xiv}

THE DAY OF THE LORD is THE TIME OF TRIAL OF TRUE FAITH. **WHITEWASHING THE WALLS WITH LOOSE CHALK** is OUTER APPEARANCE OF PIOUSNESS FOR MATERIAL GAIN. **HEAVY HAIL** is THE FIRM TRUTH. **MIGHTY WHIRLWIND** is THE MIGHT OF TRUTH. **THE DAUGHTERS OF PEOPLE MAKING CUSHIONS FOR ARMS AND PILLOWS FOR HEADS** are THE WORLDLY RELIGIOUS RULES/ ORDER (that make people inactive and spiritually lazy) (Ezek 1, Rev 8 & other) ^{xv}

THE LOINS GIVING LIVING WATER (John 7:38-39) means **CHARITY GIVING WISDOM** or **ACTIVE LOVE GIVING ETERNAL LIFE** ^{xvi}

JERUSALEM (Isaiah 3) means **THE JEWS** (until Lord's time) and **JUDAH** mean the **CHRISTIANS** (until Lord's Second Coming). **BREAD** means **LOVE** and **MERCY**, **WATER** means the **WISDOM FROM GOD** ^{xvii}

THE BREAD is the **LORD** or **HIS LOVE**; **THE MEAL OF THE LORD** IS HIS WISDOM CONVEYED IN HIS TEACHING. **THE (FAT) MEAT** is THE DEEPEST DIVINE WISDOM. **HONEY AND MILK** signify THE GOODNESS OF LOVE AND WISDOM FROM GOD. **MOAB** is **JERUSALEM (THE TEMPLE)** AND ITS EVIL WAYS. **THE HIGH FORTIFIED WALLS** mean **SELF-LOVE AND ARROGANCE**. **BRINGING TO THE VERY DUST** signifies THE GREATEST HUMILIATION (Isaiah 25:6-12) ^{xviii}

THE BREAD OR **THE FLESH** AND **THE WINE** OR **THE BLOOD** are THE **LORD'S TEACHING** and THE **ACTIVE LOVE-FAITH BASED ON THEM (THE ACTIVITY ACCORDING TO THE TEACHING)** or THE **WISDOM OF GOD** and THE **HOLY SPIRIT (WILL/ POWER) OF GOD** (see also [Holy Spirit](#)) ^{xix}

In Isaiah 3:6-21, **CLOTHES** mean **WISDOM (TRUE FAITH, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE)**, **BREAD** means THE GOODNESS OF FAITH, **JUDAH** mean the later time people of God – **CHRISTIANS**, **THE EYES OF HIS MAJESTY** mean the **LIGHT/ TEACHING OF HIS WISDOM**, **THE ELDERS** of His people mean THE SCRIPTURES, **HIS PRINCES** mean **LORD'S TRUE DISCIPLES (awakened for life)**, **THE DAUGHTERS OF ZION** mean THE FALSE TEACHINGS OF THE WHORE OF BABEL, **BALDNESS** means **LACK OF REASON**, **THE VARIOUS ORNAMENTS** are THE **BLIND BELIEVERS AND FOLLOWERS AND THE SUPERSTITIONS AND CEREMONIES** etc ^{xx}

THE GENTLE BREEZE passing the cave of Elijah (1 Kings 19:12 on) is **PEOPLE'S LOVE FOR GOD**, **THE STORM** is THE **WISDOM**, **THE FLAMING SWORD** is THE **LAW** ^{xxi}

THE SWORD OF THE LORD (Matt 10:24) is HIS TEACHING embodying THE TRUTH AND LOVE OUT OF GOD ^{xxii}

In Psalm 8, **THE MAN** represents **HUMANITY**, **THE CHILD** represents ITS **WEAKNESS AND BLINDNESS**, **THE YOUNG CHILDREN AND INFANTS** represent THE **GENTILES**. **DAVID** REFERS to the **BETTER JEWISH PEOPLE**. **HEAVEN** means THE **TEACHING**, **FINGERS** mean **THAT WHICH**

IS BODILY TO THE LORD, **THE MOON** means THE LOVE OF THE LORD FOR MEN, **THE STARS** mean the ENDLESS MANY TRUTHS THAT COME FROM LOVE. **HE THAT IS FORSAKEN BUT THEN CROWNED BY THE LORD** represent THE STILL BLIND CHRISTIAN PEOPLE. **THE VARIOUS ANIMALS** represents ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE TOGETHER ^{xxiii}

In Psalm 93, **THE ORNAMENTS OF THE KING** are LORD'S LOVE, WISDOM, MIGHT AND ALSO HOLINESS. **THE WAVES OF THE SEA/ THE WATERS** are THE FALSE TEACHINGS (coming from hypocrites and liars), **THE CHAIR** is a symbol of TRUTH AND LIFE and **THE LORD'S HOUSE** stands for HIS FAITHFUL PEOPLE (His true followers) ^{xxiv}

THE SLEEP OF THE (IMPERFECT) SOULS IN THE BEYOND (John 11:11 & other) is the TEMPORARY DREAMLIKE, UNSTABLE INNER LIFE of them ^{xxv}

SLAYING (Joshua 8:24 & OTHER – Old and New Testament) means JUDGING ^{xxvi}

KILLING (in the 6TH Commandment: Exod 20:13, Deut 5:17) means HAVING JEALOUSY, ENVY, RAGE, HATE OR DESIRE TO REVENGE TOWARD ANOTHER ^{xxvii}

THE MOTHER AND FATHER in the 5th Commandment (Exod 20:12, Deut 5:16) represent not only THE NATURAL PARENTS, but also THE EARTH AND ITS PROCREATIVE FORCE ^{xxviii}

CLOTHES/ GARMENTS (Rev 3:4 & other) represents WISDOM in active use. **WHITE CLOTHES** represent INNOCENCE. **THE CITY OF GOD** signifies THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD, OR TRUE ETERNAL LIFE ^{xxix}

THE KINGDOM OF GOD is THE TRUE KINGDOM OF LIFE AND SPIRIT AND IS ALSO IN THE INNER MAN. IT IS, IN FACT, **THE LORD HIMSELF** ^{xxx}

THE DOMINION PROMISED TO DAVID AND HIS DESCENDANTS (2 Sam 7:16) is THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ^{xxxi}

LEPROSY (Lev 13) in a spiritual sense means DEPRAVITY OF THE SOUL TO HER INNERMOST CORE ^{xxxii}

SACK AND ASHES (2 Sam 3:31, Esther 4:1 & other) mean the OUTER HUMILITY and THE INNER HUMILITY OF THE SOUL ^{xxxiii}

THE FISH is a symbol for the PEOPLE CONVERTED THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD ^{xxxiv}

THE TREE OF LIFE is HUMILITY – LOVE – TRUTH (or TRUTH GROWING OUT OF LOVE, WHICH GROWS OUT OF HUMILITY) or THE LIVING, ACTIVE FAITH or THE SCRIPTURES; **THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE** is NATURAL REASON (Gen 2:9) ^{xxxv}

OXES AND ASSES (Isaiah 32:20) mean the DILIGENCE TO DO GOOD AND TRUTH ^{xxxvi}

A JEW AFTER THE HEART (Rev 3:9, 1 Cor 10:18, Gal 6:16) is A TRUE FOLLOWER OF GOD ^{xxxvii}

THE EAST WIND (Isa 27:8, Hos 12:1) may represent THE GRACE OF THE LORD ^{xxxviii}

THE BAPTISM WITH FIRE (FROM HEAVEN) is THE COMPLETE TRANSITION OF SOUL AND SPIRIT IN THE LOVE FOR GOD OR THE LOVE IN GOD, PAVING THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH. **THE GRACE OF GOD** is A FREE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE IN THE HUMAN HEART, BY WHICH THE FATHER DRAWS THE SOUL TOWARDS THE SON (LOVE LEADING TO WISDOM) or THE ESSENTIAL LIFE OF ALL CREATED BEINGS. **THE GLORY OF GOD** IS THE PRIMORDIAL LIGHT/ WISDOM IN GOD ^{xxxix}

THE HOLINESS OF GOD is THE ETERNAL, INFINITE FREEDOM OF GOD ^{xl}

10 HILLS and **7 VALLEYS** mean the 10 COMMANDMENTS and THE 7 COMMANDMENTS OF NEIGHBOURLY LOVE. **STEAMING HOLE/WHORING OF BABEL** (Rev 17:1-18 & other) mean THE UNDERMINING OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS AND TOTAL BREAK DOWN OF THE 7 ^{xli}

NUMBER 7 represents THE 7 PROPERTIES OR SPIRITS IN GOD: LOVE, WISDOM, WILL, ORDER, EARNEST, PATIENCE AND COMPASSION ^{xlii}

Bodily features (EYES, MOUTH, NOSE, CHINS, NECKS, HANDS) correspond to SPIRITUAL QUALITIES ^{xliii}

EATING AND DRINKING correspond with TAKING UP OF THE GODLY GOOD AND GODLY TRUTH ^{xliv}

SEXUAL INTERCOURSE correspond to the UNIFICATION OF THE GOOD OF THE LOVE AND THE TRUTH OF THE FAITH ^{xlv}

THE STONE FROM MAN'S GRAVE (Lazarus grave: John 11:1-44) is the symbol of all LOVELESSNESS and particularly of WORLDLY INTELLECTUAL REASONING ^{xlvi}

BLOOD (NOT BELONGING TO THE LORD)(Jer 46:10, Ezek 39:17-18 & other) and **CREEPING THINGS** signify the TYRANNICAL MANIA and the SELFISH HYPOCRITES SUPPORTING IT ^{xlvii}

THE FAN AND WHIRLING WHEEL/ WHIRLWIND (Isa 40:24, 41:16, Jer 4:13, 23:19, 25:32, 51:2, Matt 3:12 & other) represent THE MEANS TO SEPARATE THE GOOD AND BAD PEOPLE, particularly the PROPHETIC TEACHING OF THE LORD ^{xlviii}

THE TEMPLE represents MAN IN HIS NATURAL-WORLDLY SPHERE. **THE HOLY OF HOLIES** represent THE SPIRIT OF MAN. **THE HIGH PRIEST** is THE TRUE LOVE OF GOD. **THE DEALERS AND BUYERS** are THE LOW, UNCLEAN PASSIONS IN MAN. **THE MONEY-CHANGERS** represent HIS SELF-LOVE. THE **PIGEON DEALERS** show THE EXTERNAL VIRTUES CONSISTING IN ALL KINDS OF CEREMONY, CUSTOM, COURTESY, ETC, IN A PURELY WORLDLY SENSE (Matt 21:12-13) ^{xlix}

THE BIRDS from the parable of the mustard seed (Matt 13:31-32) are the ANGELS OF GOD ⁱ

THE EARTH in the fifth commandment (Exod 20:12, Deut 5:4-16) means the PROPER BEING OF MAN, **LONG LIFE** means LIFE (INCREASING) IN WISDOM, **WELL-BEING** means FREE-BEING ACCORDING TO INCORPORATING GOD'S ORDER ⁱⁱ

THE WIFE in the tenth commandment (Exod 20:17, Deut 5:4-21) means THE LOVE OF EVERY MAN and **THE NEIGHBOUR** means ANY MAN AS SEEN IN NEED OF HELP ⁱⁱⁱ

A **COLUMN OF LIGHT** (Exod 13:21-22) as visible phenomenon may indicate the PRESENCE OF MANY ANGELS ^{liii}

THE FATHER AND MOTHER THE MAN WILL LEAVE TO GO WITH HIS WOMAN (Gen 2:24, Matt 19:5, Eph 5:31) are HIS SERIOUSNESS and HIS WORRIES ^{liv}

In John 1:1 on, **THE BEGINNING** means THE PRIMAL CAUSE OF ALL EXISTENCE. **THE LIGHT** IS GOD HIMSELF AS THE HOLY PRIMORDIAL THOUGHT. **HIS OWN** (John 1:11) are ALL THE PEOPLE IN THEIR SOUL AND SPIRIT NATURE. **THE LIGHT IN MAN** is THE FAITH ^{lv}

THE BAPTISM FROM HEAVEN (WITH FIRE: Matt 3:11, Luke 3:16) is THE TRANSITION OF HUMAN SOUL AND SPIRIT INTO THE LOVE IN GOD WHICH LEADS TO THE SECOND BIRTH OR THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH ^{lvi}

THE WILDERNESS in which John is crying is THE SPIRITUAL DESERT OF HUMAN HEARTS ^{lvii}

THE EYES and HANDS FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Matt 5:29-30) ARE THE INNER SPIRIT'S CAPACITY TO SEE and TO ACT. **MUTILATION OF THEM** REFERS TO REFRAINING FROM FOLLOWING THE WORLDLY WAYS ^{lviii}

WASHING THE FEET AS THE LORD DID FOR HIS DISCIPLES (John 13:3-15) means CLENSING THE HEART ^{lix}

TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH (John 4:24) means IN THE TRUE LOVE FOR GOD AND FELLOWMAN ^{lx}

THE HOLY SPIRIT is GOD'S SPIRIT OR THE POWER OR WILL IN GOD. FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT are THE LOVE, WISDOM, WILL OF GOD ^{lxi}

THE LORD PRAYING TO THE FATHER (Matt 26:36) means **DIVINE WISDOM CALLING TO THE DIVINE LOVE** ^{lxii}

DEATH as mentioned by the Lord & disciples (Matt 8:21-22, Eph 2:5, John 5:24-25, Rom 6:11, 1 Tim 5:6) refers to **SPIRITUAL DEATH OR THE SINFUL, WORLDLY CONDITION OF EXISTENCE** ^{lxiii}

THE FIRE in which the evil ones will be thrown (as judgment: Matt 25:41, 1 Cor 3:13-15) consists in **TRIBULATION AND SUFFERING** ^{lxiv}

THE JUDGMENT/ LAST DAY (Rom 2:5, John 12:48) is **THE FIRST DAY IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM AFTER THE PHYSICAL DEATH. THE ETERNAL LIFE/ EVERLASTING LIFE** is **THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH AS CONDITION OF EXISTENCE** ^{lxv}

THE FIRE AND TORMENT OF HELL (THE WORM THAT NEVER DIES, THE FIRE NEVER EXTINGUISHED) (Isa 66:24, Mark 9:43-48) represent **THE JUDGMENT INFLICTED UPON THE SOUL BY HER OWN INNER DIVINE SPIRIT** ^{lxvi}

ETERNAL DARKNESS and **FURNACE OF FIRE** (Matt 8:12, 13:42 & other) are equivalent to **SPIRITUALLY TORMENTING SELF-REPROACHES** and a **NEGLECTED HEART** ^{lxvii}

THE TIME OF ABOMINATION AND DESOLATION (Matt 24:15, Mark 13:14) refers to a **TIME OF TRIAL BY GREAT TEMPTATIONS** ^{lxviii}

THE FOUR ANIMALS OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY (Daniel 7:2-8) represent **4 GREAT PEOPLE PERIOD**, the last being the **ACTUAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PERIOD** ^{lxix}

THE EAGLES and **THE CARCASS/ CORPSE** (Matt 24:28) are **THE FOLLOWERS OF THE LORD** and **THE PHARISEIC INSTITUTION FALSIFYING LORD'S TEACHING (DURING LORD'S LIFE)** or **THE LORD'S LIGHT (WORD)** and **THE NIGHT OF THE SINS OF THE SOUL** or **THE FOLLOWERS OF THE LORD'S LIGHT (WORD)** and **CHRISTIANITY BEFORE THE SECOND COMING** ^{lxx}

In the parable of the King and His Wedding Feast (Matt 22:1-14), concerning the transgressor - **BINDING HIS HANDS AND FEET** means **BINDING/ IMPEACHING HIS LOVING WILL AND WISDOM**, **THROWING HIM OUT** means **BANNING INTO MATTER**, and into **EXTREME DARKNESS** means into **PURE WORLDLY REASON**. There will be **WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH** means **WORLDLY QUARRELLINGS OVER JUSTICE, TRUTH AND LIFE**. **THE ONE WITHOUT A WEDDING GARMENT** is **THE IMAGE OF SPIRITUAL STUPBORNESS** ^{lxxi}

THE RESURRECTION OF THE FLESH (1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-44) is THE GOOD WORKS PERFORMED OUT OF TRUE LOVE FOR FELLOWMAN WHICH WILL BE THE FLESH OF THE SOUL AND HER HOUSING ENVIRONMENT IN THE AFTERLIFE. **THE VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT** (Joel 3:2,12) is THE PEACEFUL CONDITION OF THE SOUL CONTEMPLATING HIS GOOD WORKS ^{lxxii}

THE TRUMPETS / TROMBONES (Rev 4:1 & other) represent the LORD'S WORD/ TEACHING as conveyed to the people by prophets ^{lxxiii}

THE IMAGES OF THE PEOPLE: ONE ON THE ROOF, ONE IN THE FIELD, TWO GRINDING AT THE MILL, TWO IN THE SAME BED, TWO IN THE SAME FIELD from Luke 17:24-37, Matt 24:36-41 present **DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN TRUE AND FALSE FAITH** ^{lxxiv}

THE (FLASH OF) LIGHTNING FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET (Matt 24:27) are the PURE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES, based on the Lord's teaching. THE **MORNING STAR** (REV 2:28) is the LORD'S TEACHING ^{lxxv}

At the Second Coming **THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN** represent THE PROPHETS AND SEERS CARRYING LORD'S TEACHING, **THE LITTLE CLOUDS** represent the PEOPLE OF GOD THAT FOLLOW THE LORD'S TEACHING, THE DIVINE TRUTH; **THE NEW EARTH** is the great COMMUNITY of these people (Rev 1:7, 11:11-3, 14:14, Matt 24:30) ^{lxxvi}

In Matt 24 THE **SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IN THE SKY** means THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF JESUS AS THE SOLE LORD IN THE INNER HEAVEN OF MAN or THE NEWLY AWAKENED LOVE FOR HIM. **THE HEAVEN** means THE FAITHFUL HEART OF MAN and **THE CLOUDS** represent THE DIVINE WISDOM IN THE LORD'S WORD/ TEACHING ^{lxxvii}

THE WATER OF LIFE or **THE RAIN FROM HEAVEN** is THE WORD OF GOD or THE ACTIVE LOVE or THE TRUE LIFE OF LOVE – This is THE WATER THE LORD THIRST FOR ON THE CROSS. **BILE** represents HATE and **VINEGAR** the SPIRIT OF CONTRADICTION AND HARDENING. (Matt 27:34, 48, Mark 15:36, Luke 23:36, John 19:28-30) **lxxviii**

JERUSALEM – THE CITY OF GOD will be represented by THE ENTIRE CREATION. **THE TEMPLE** will be EVERY LIVING HEART. **THE GREAT SPIRITUAL JERUSALEM** is THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE OF LOVE. **THE NEW JERUSALEM** is THE LORD’S TEACHING/ RELIGION GIVEN ANEW or, in fact, THE LORD HIMSELF WITH HIS CHILDREN (thus THE KINGDOM OF GOD) AS EXPRESING THROUGH HIS LIVING TEACHING. **NUMBER 12** signifies THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE 2 COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE, **THE ANGELS** mean THE DIVINE TRUTHS ACKNOWLEDGED BY ACTING ACCORDING TO THE LORD’S TEACHING (Rev 21:9 on). **THE RAIN/ WATER FROM HEAVEN/ GRASS FOR THE LORD’S SHEEP** is (again) THE LORD’S TEACHING **lxxix**

THE TWO PROPHETS OF THE REVELATION/ THE TWO OLIVE TREES (Rev 11:3-12, Ezek 4:2-14) are THE SCRIBES OF THE NEW REVELATION. **THE CITY OF BABYLON** signifies the PLACE OF INTELLECTUAL ERRORS **lxxx**

TO SHORTEN THE DAYS (Matt 24:22) means TO SPEED UP THE PURIFICATION OF HUMANITY. **THE ANTICHRIST** means THE OBSESSION FOR SINFUL OR PURELY INTELLECTUAL THINGS and THE EPIDEMIC MENTAL DISORDERS AT THE LEVEL OF HUMANITY **lxxxi**

THE WRATH OF GOD (Rev 6:17 & other) means THE FIRE OF LORD’S TRUTH or THE NATURAL CREATION **lxxxii**

THE ELDERS from THE REVELATION OF JOHN mean THE SPIRITUAL CREATION; **THE FOUR ANIMALS** represent embodied ATTRIBUTES OF GOD **lxxxiii**

THE BOOK WITH 7 SEALS is THE LORD’S TRUE DOCTRINE AS PRONOUNCED BY HIM TO THE PEOPLE. **THE 7 SEALS** represent THE 7 SPIRITS/ PROPERTIES OF GOD **lxxxiv**

THE SCORPIONS, THE DRAGONS WITH SEVEN HEADS, TEN HORNS AND GOLDEN CROWNS represent THE FALSIFICATION OF LORD’S PURE DOCTRINE or THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST **lxxxv**

THE BOWELS OF WRATH (VIALS OF WRATH) signify THE PLAGUES AND WARS OF HUMANITY **lxxxvi**

THE WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN AND DELIVERING A CHILD (Rev 12:1,2,5) is THE LORD’S DOCTRINE and THE CHILD is THE DIVINE LOVE awakened by her in man’s heart or THE ETERNAL LIFE. **THE MOON** symbolizes SELF-LOVE, **THE 12 STARS** stand for THE 10 COMMANDMENTS PLUS THE 2 COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE. **lxxxvii**

In Rev 13 **THE DRAGON** means SATAN, **THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA** means SELF-LOVE/ THE CULTURE OF SELFISHNESS, A **WOUNDED HEAD** is THE PUNISHABLE THEFT OR ROBBERY, **THE LAMBLIKE BEAST** is THE INDUSTRY (TECHNOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION); **THE MARK OF THE RIGHT HAND AND THE FOREHEAD** (MARK OF THE BEAST) is THE DESIRE TO RULE BY EITHER POWER OR WORLDLY REASON. THE MEANING OF **666** **lxxxviii**

THE IMAGES OF THE REVELATION depict THE TRIALS IN THE EVOLUTION OF BOTH HUMANITY AND THE INDIVIDUAL, PARTICULARLY IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE LORD'S FIRST AND SECOND COMING **lxxxix**

THE PROPHECIES AND REVELATIONS CONCERNING THE PERIOD BEFORE THE SECOND COMING (INCLUSIVE) refer to THE DESTINY OF LORD'S TEACHING and parallel HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION **xc**

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1For this cause I Paul, **the prisoner of Jesus Christ** for you Gentiles, **2**If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

3How that **by revelation he made known unto me the mystery;** (as I wrote afore in few words, **4**Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) (Ephes 3)

7 But we speak **the wisdom of God in a mystery,** even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: **8** Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,** neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. **10** But **God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:** for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, **the deep things of God.** (1 Cor 2)

17That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **18**The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (Ephes 1)

20Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21**For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost. (2 Pet 1); {4:18} Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly: [...] {5:8} I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: {5:9} Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number: (Job)

2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. (1 Cor 3)

THE OLD TESTAMENT IS VEILED. THE LORD OPEN IT FOR HIS DISCIPLES

12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: **13**And not as Moses, [which] put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: **14** But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which [vail] is done away in Christ. **15** But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. **16** Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. (2 Cor 3)

{24:44} And he said unto them, These [are] the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me. {24:45} Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, (Luke)

12For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. **13**For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. **14**But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. (Hebr 5:13-14)

{14:18} The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge (Proverbs)

PLAIN LANGUAGE PROMISED BY THE LORD IN BOTH THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

25“Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. (John 16)

See also the prophecy in Habakkuk: Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? [was] thine anger against the rivers? [was] thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses [and] thy chariots of salvation? {3:9} **Thy bow was made quite naked, [according] to the oaths of the tribes, [even thy] word.**ⁱ (Hab 3:8-9)

And that in Zephaniah: {3:8} **Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination [is] to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, [even] all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. {3:9} **For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.****

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ii **THE MEANING OF THE SCRIPTURES** is understood when THE SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE (THE SCIENCE OF CORRESPONDENCES) used in them is known: The Scriptures are veiled, their internal spiritual sense being protected by natural images, first, in order not to be destroyed by evil intentions and then so to keep the human soul spiritually active. The threefold meaning of the Scriptures. The key to spiritual scriptures. The LETTER kills. The SPIRIT gives life. **THE WATER TURNED TO WINE** means today THE NEW REVELATION, THE PLAIN TRUTH REPLACING THE VEILED LANGUAGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Reasons for veiling the Scriptures

“[2] **Only the Scriptures of the Jews contains the full truth, but not unveiled but clothed in corresponding images, and indeed for the very wise reasons so that the holiness of the truth kept inside is not polluted and unsanctified by the actual dirty children of this Earth. (N.B.: This is the Lord speaking to His followers 2000 years ago, thus at the time when only the Old Testament existed as Scripture)**

[3] For there are two kinds of people on this Earth, most of whom are entirely of this earth on account of the systematic gradual progress of the soul through the various kingdoms of nature, and they can be called 'children of the world'.

[4] However, a much smaller number of people of this earth are of the earth only where their bodies are concerned, but their souls are either from various stellar worlds or, sometimes, they are even pure angel spirits from the spirit-heavens, and they can be called 'children of God'.

[5] It is these who are capable of grasping the secrets of the Kingdom of God and of passing them on to the children of the earth through teaching, so that also they can become children of God and citizens of His Kingdom.

[6] Well, these actual worldly people, once they have grown out of the mud of this Earth, are naturally still very much of a sensual nature, since their souls have never gone through any sort of human preparatory schooling of a free, self-determining life. They can therefore only be led in the beginning through purely sensual images to the realization of a very highest and eternal spirit of God.

[7] And you see, **for the sake of most of the people of this Earth the revelations about the kingdom of the spirits are clothed in sheer somewhat sensual images, which can only be revealed by the children of God from time to time more and more**, according to the ability of the children of the world to understand – but never too much at one time, but instead only as much as they are capable of bearing and digesting in their spiritual stomachs. But from what has been said you can all now draw some conclusions.” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 13, chap. 20)

Do not be shocked at the form of the pictures; they are the apprehension of that time and according to the manner of describing in those days. For many centuries humanity could not be influenced otherwise a humanity which knew little love and at best gave in to fear. Had I as God of Love caused the entire process of development up to this day to be written in a language common to you, the words would have died away and nobody would have cared for their spiritual meaning. (Explanation of The Revelation of John (The Apocalypse) - Received through Gottfried Mayerhofer – text from July 19, 1875)

[17] But even if in external relations every simple word must permit a more inward explanation and dissection, how much more must each external word have an internal spiritual sense, for everything which is signified by external words, has in itself an inward spiritual power and activity. A father certainly has a soul and spirit. Will the word properly describe the term "father" if it excludes the soul and the spirit? Certainly not, for the essential Father consists of body, soul and spirit, that is to say, something external, internal and deep internal. If, then, the essential Father is thus alive, then must not the word indicating the father, just as perfectly reflect as in a mirror in the Word, the Father in its essence?

[18] **I think that a necessary inner sense of the word cannot be represented more completely and clearly. From this, however, it can also be seen that the Lord, if He manifests His will in the world, cannot announce it to external people according to His eternal Divine order, except only through external, pictorial representations, which then is obviously supported by an internal one and an innermost sense.** Through this, then, the whole man is supplied with Divine love from his inward to his utmost.
(The Spiritual Sun vol. 2, chap. 96)

[5] Here it is evidently reproduced in the sense of the letter, which one might have pronounced in the beginning just as well as now, whereby many aberrations would have been prevented. - But I

say: That's correct, though. If one splits a tree in the middle, the core also comes out, and one can look at it just as easily as you could the bark before.

[6] **The Lord, however, has diligently veiled the inner sense in an outer, natural picture, so that this sacred, inward, living sense should not be attacked and destroyed by any malevolent man, whereby then all the heavens and worlds could be brought to the greatest harm.** For this reason, the Lord also said: **"Before the great and mighty wise men of the world, it shall remain hidden, and be revealed only to the small, the weak, and the underaged.**

[7] This principle is already prevalent in the things of nature. Suppose that the Lord created the trees so that their core and their main organs of life would be at the outside of the trunk? Say you yourselves, how many dangers would a tree be exposed to, every second?

[8] You know, if you deliberately or wantonly pierce a tree's inner core, it's done with the tree. If any evil worm gnaws through the main trunk root, which is in close contact with the core of the tree, the tree dies. Who is not familiar with the malicious so-called "bark beetle"? What does he do to the trees? He gnaws first on the wood and eats here and there into the main organs of the tree and the tree dies. If, in this already well-guarded manner, the tree is still exposed to so many dangers of life, to what extent would he be exposed if his essential life-organs would be at the outside of the trunk?

[9] See, it is just the same and unspeakably worse with the word of the Lord. **If the inner meaning would be exposed at the outset, then there would have been already for a long time no religion among men. They would have gnawed and clawed at this inner, holy meaning of their lives as if on the outer bark of the tree of life. The inner holy city of God would have been a long time ago so thoroughly destroyed that no stone would have remained on the other, as they did with the old Jerusalem, and as they did it with the outer words, which only exist in the literal sense.**

[10] **For the word of God in its outward, literal sense as you have it in the Holy Scriptures before you, is so very much different from the original text, as today's most wretched city of Jerusalem is different from the ancient cosmopolitan city of Jerusalem.**

[11] **All this displacement and fragmentation, and also abbreviation only in the external sense of the letter, is not detrimental to the inner sense, because the Lord, through His wise providence, has created His order since eternity as such, that one and the same spiritual truth would stay preserved undamaged among a great variety of external images.**

[12] **But the case would be quite different if the Lord had at once given the naked inner spiritual truth without a protective outer covering. They would have destroyed this holy, living truth and destroyed it at their discretion, and it would have been done with all life.**

[13] **But because the inner sense is so obscured that the world can never possibly find it, life remains secure, even though its outer garment is torn into pieces.** And so, of course, the inner sense of the word sounds when it is revealed, as if it were equal to the external sense of the word, and can also be expressed by articulated sounds or words. But that does not confuse the issue in the least. For this reason, the inner, living, spiritual sense nevertheless remains, and is recognizable in that it embraces the whole Divine order, while the picture containing it, expresses only a special relationship which, as we have seen, can never have one general meaning. (The Spiritual Sun vol. 2, chap. 97)

2. (The Lord:) A main reason why such texts are not understood is unfortunately **the very poor and incorrect translation of the Scriptures** from the original tongue into the tongues of the present time; but this is for the best. **For if the inner meaning of such texts were not hidden as well as it is, that which is holiest therein would long since have been utterly desecrated which would be disastrous for the entire earth.** As things are, however, only the outer shell has been marred while the hallowed life has been preserved.

3. The time has come to show the true inner meaning of such texts to all who are worthy of participating in this knowledge, but the unworthy will have to pay dearly, for in these things I will not be trifled with and I shall never take part in a trade.

4. **Now the explanation shall follow this necessary prelude, but I will still add that here only the inner meaning pertaining to soul and spirit is to be understood and not the innermost, purest heavenly meaning. This is too holy and can be bestowed only on those in the world without harm who seek it through living their life in accordance with the precepts of the Gospel. But the inner meaning pertaining to the soul and spirit may easily be found, sometimes already by means of the correct translation in the respective vernacular of the time,** which shall become evident in the explanation of the first verse. (GGJ Book 1, chap. 1)

08] Said now Peter: “But Lord, if at another opportunity we will be completely alone again, You could give us a few hints about it! For I now say myself: The prophets, namely the four big ones, have written down a lot, just like Moses, Elias, David and Salomon, but for whom? Except for us, no even so wise scribe has understood them properly, and also we understand very little about them, and those who will come after us will surely not be much better off. And still these books are written for mankind and for no other creature. What use are they to the people if they will never understand them?”

09] Said I: “O, there you are greatly mistaken! If those books of inner spiritual wisdom would have been written so that every natural world mind would understand them at a first glance, people soon would put them aside and not even looking at them anymore. What use would it then have for them?!”

10] **But as such the books contain encompassing spiritual from the simplest creature to the deepest heavenly-divine and therefore cannot ever be fully understood by no natural world-mind, but only by the pure, perfect transcendental spirit of man.**

11] The very non-understanding of such scriptures is a waker of the spirit in man and shows him what and how much he still lacks for his life’s completion. He therefore will quite often take such scriptures to hand and think about them, whereby from time to time the one or the other will become more clear to him. **If he thus by his troubles and zeal found a small light of the spirit, he will become more and more strenuous in his studies of the inner, spiritual truths and in this way will gain more and more light and also attain a closer connection with his inner,**

transcendental spirit and will then also be able to provide his fellow-man with a more brighter light which will be very beneficial to them.

12] However this would never occur, if these scriptures would have been given in a purely natural way; and if it would have been given in this way, no spiritual and heavenly-spiritual could have been imbedded in the words as I have shown you already quite often. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 6, chap. 101)

"With God's teaching it is precisely the same as with the other creation. To the eyes of the worldly mind, it appears as a most disorderly folly. The worldly mind seeks in vain some set order, which it calls natural logic. Miraculous acts and moral precepts, often in mystical pictures, are intermingles. Here one finds a fairytale miracle, there a reprimand; on another page there appears an as such excellent moral, yet for the worldly mind, this has no connection with the other stories, parables and events, even less so than the mixed flora of a well-manured farm-meadow where a botanist finds the most heterogeneous samples for his herbarium. However, this does not in any way contradict the divine order in God's teaching; on the contrary, it confirms it. For thereby, **the Deity forces man's lazy nature to continued pondering and varied searching, to find its way towards appreciating those things which first, externally, appeared like scattered as if by any chance and without any logic... Besides, God's teaching is such that every spirit can absorb from it, like a plant from the soil, the nutriment it needs, can nourish itself, grow and attain perfection.**" (From Hell to Heaven I, chap 114)

The threefold Sense of Scripture

*The scene of the following teaching of Jesus is a small and remote village in the hills near the sea of Galilee. With his disciples Jesus meets with the leaders of this place and a lively discussion is going on touching many topics. One of these is the **promised resurrection of the flesh on Judgment Day** bringing with it the reward for the just and punishment for the sinners. The Lord refers the one inquiring into the after-life of the soul to His disciples for thorough instruction and then begins to deal with the often completely misunderstood language of correspondences used by the prophets.*

(The Lord:) **"What the prophets have written about it by way of inspiration they wrote in metaphors which are nothing but correspondences of the naked truths hidden in them.** Therefore, whoever understands the ancient science of correspondences will soon clearly see what the metaphors of the Prophets mean.

[8] Since you have never heard of correspondences, you know only the crude, natural meaning of the Scriptures. There is, however, always in the metaphors of prophetic scripture **a threefold meaning**: **First, the material-spiritual, second, the pure spiritual and, third, the pure heavenly meaning coming from the heart of God.**

[9] The first influences the moral life of man in the sense that he, as a natural man, thinks and acts in accordance with a right upbringing, meaning, that he does not remain grounded in matter

but turns away from it and uses it only as a means through which he can penetrate more and more deeply and clearly into the pure spiritual. A man who has been instructed in these things and acts accordingly will soon find the correspondence between matter and Spirit. Having done this, he will enter from the spiritual into the heavenly or, rather, into the pure spiritual. From there it is easy to enter into the pure divine, heavenly. Only then will he see in their full clarity and fundamental meaning the revelations contained in the prophetic books.

[10] He who considers the mere material pictures to be all there is to Scripture, proves thereby that he is himself still matter throughout which is, and must be, under judgment and that he always, as long as he lives, keeps this judgment in his consciousness and is full of fear that he might pass after the shedding of his body into that totally material state metaphorically presented and described by Scripture as the state of matter.

[11] Yet I tell all of you that **in the beyond things are not at all what the scriptural metaphors say they are.**

[12] **The words of Scripture are like the shell of an egg in which there is also hidden a threefold content: The white, the yolk and, in the centre of the yolk, the tiny reddish life-coil carrying the germ of life.**

[13] **In the material world such an envelopment must exist wherever there is something, so that the innermost divine can nowhere ever be defiled by anyone.** Since everywhere in all natural things there is the spiritual, heavenly and divine, which is evident in the omnipresence of the divine will, there is also correspondence between everything existing in the world, in the realm of spirit, in heaven and, finally, even in God Himself.” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 5, 272:7-13)

[2] Even if this did not take place too much in the physical world, it nevertheless happened spiritually, and this also with very pure, unspoiled and extremely simple people as well as quite visibly natural. **One can therefore read Moses even fourfold** and always understand him quite well.

[3] **First: purely on a physical level**, from which one can recognize a necessary coming to be in certain periods according to the everlasting unchanging order of God. From that all physical scientist can replenish their minds and draw their impossibly otherwise than extremely shallow conclusions; along that road they can discover quite a lot, but thereby will never reach a firm and steady ground.

[4] **Secondly: physically and spiritually mixed.** This likewise highly truthful sphere is suited best for the people who strive to please God, since there both take place hand in hand, clear in action, and became visible and comprehensible in appearance. (Nota Bene: **In this manner also the ‘Household of God’ is given.**)

[5] **Thirdly: pure spiritually**, whereby not the slightest consideration is given to the physical appearances and its temporary steadiness and changes. There only the spiritual development of

man is referred to, which Moses quite pointedly has presented with corresponding figurations from nature. All God-wise people, to whom the inner education of people is entrusted, have to understand this.

[6] **And finally, fourthly: pure heavenly**, where the Lord is all in all and everything is in relation to Him. However, how this must be understood, you cannot comprehend until you have become one with Me through the full rebirth of your spirit, as also I am one with the Father in heaven, however with the difference, that you all will become one with Me as separate individuals, while I and the Father, who is My love, are perfectly one with each other as a forever inseparable personality. (GGJ Book 18, chap. 95)

The Science of Correspondences

"[1] I SAID: "It is true that you have spoken very well now, and this teaching that has now been given to you will be kept in its purity by those who are pure until the end of times, but when you think that the Jewry would be different if Moses and the prophets had spoken to the people as clearly as I have spoken to you now, then I say that you are greatly mistaken in this. For if Moses and the prophets had spoken in the same manner as I have spoken to you now, then the people would not have understood Moses nor the prophets, because during that time the easiest way to express themselves was only **by means of corresponding images**.

[2] **During that time, even the very simple and common people possessed the science of correspondences.** Their writing consisted of images and their language pointed at images that were well known by the people. However, when the people had come to a more earthly welfare and honor, it soon needed a great number of earthly necessities, and in order to satisfy those, they had to acquire a great number of natural means. Well now, the many necessities and the many means received also their very simple names, behind which there were no corresponding images. Then these simple names of the many necessities and the means to satisfy them that were invented by the people replaced later all too soon the symbolic scripture and its inner meaning. And so, **it was neither the fault of Moses nor of the prophets that they are no more understood by the present-day Jews. But it was only the fault of the people themselves who by their increasing worldly attitude that was caused by them, lost completely the science of the old scripture and the old language that always contained deep spiritual things.**

[3] **If you had spoken during the time of Moses as you are speaking now, then at that time nor Moses nor one of the other prophets would have understood you. However, since the old language has now in this time been entirely lost by you for the reasons that were made known to you, you should search therein the reason why now you cannot understand Moses or the prophets."** (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 18, chap. 92)

The key to spiritual scriptures

[1] I said: "Yes, My friend Cornelius, there does not exist any rules or instructions in the outer life sphere for that; the only thing providing you with a key for the spiritual understanding of the scriptures, is your own, by Me and My teaching reborn spirit. As long you are not reborn in the spirit, no rule is of any use to you; however, **once you are reborn, then you do not need a rule anymore, since your awakened spirit will easily and quickly find its equal without any rules.**

[2] But if you want to understand the physical sense of scriptures better as it was the case until now, then you have to familiarize yourself quite well with the language of the Illyrians, which has the biggest resemblance with the old Egyptian tongue, and this is nearly one with the primordial Hebrew language. Without this language knowledge you will never be able to properly read the scriptures of Moses, not even properly understand the meaning of the words. Therefore, if you do not even understand the earthly pictures contained therein, how do you want to obtain the hidden spiritual meaning, even with many thousand rules and instructions?!

[3] The present tongue of the Jews is nearly totally foreign compared to the original language which was spoken by Abraham, Noah and even Adam. **But you stay with Me in faith and in love, and the right understanding will be given to you by itself, and this in a not too long time from now on!** By the way, it will do you no harm if you read the Script more often; since by doing so, your soul will remain active in searching and thinking.

The LETTER kills, the SPIRIT gives life

[15] I said: "If I am as what I have come into this world, then I do this with the very same right, as the right with which the Father, who is in Me, gave once to Moses in the desert the laws for you Jews. **But I do not at all abolish any laws of Moses. However I Myself fulfill the law in all its aspects.** But I only show to you your disability to understand and to assess the laws of the prophet. **You ride the letter, which kills, and do not know the spirit which makes alive.** I however reveal to you now the all alive making spirit; how can you then say that I abolish the laws of Moses?

[16] You letter riders wet-nurse perhaps with your letters mosquitoes and swallow camels instead; because if you then cling so steadfast to the letters of the laws of Moses, how can you then for a lot of money and other sacrifices provide for the rich Jews dispensations (pay ransom to be free from the law)?! (GGJ Book 15, chap. 93)

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Once this unification nears its goal **I shall again change the present water of faith into My spiritual wine of love.** And as once the steward at the wedding asked, those who have been waiting will then ask: "Why did we drink the poor wine first and save the best until the end?" - And I shall reply: "Because earlier you were incapable of properly appreciating My wine of love and the result would have been misuse. But now when you have drunk your fill of the poor man-

mixed wines, now, when your drinking-urge has calmed down and you are able to distinguish good from bad, - **now I am coming to give you something that is not new to you but actually the same wine you used to drink, only purified** - a divine drink, which only those deserve who have left sensual and material matters far behind, who have recognized their spiritual nature and crave only for spiritual drink and food."

Some of you I gave the gift of hearing My voice within you, so that My actual teaching, as it has been established everlastingly for the entire universe, would not be again falsified and interpreted differently from how I gave it to My disciples during My life on earth.

Then, and for the following times, I often had to clothe My Word in parables and mystical sayings, for I knew what the coming generations would be doing with it. I knew what considerable changes My Word would be bringing about in social life and how much persecution and innocent victims it would cost My followers. I spoke in parables, so that the enemies, notwithstanding all their efforts to destroy My teaching, would only nibble at its bark, right to the present day.

Now that mankind has matured and, instead of eliminating only some things from the present religious structure, is inclined to overthrow the whole edifice with all its inmates, the time has come when the plain truth will no longer be detrimental to the majority and could only have a fortifying effect. Now the blind at the great highway to My Spiritual Kingdom are able to receive the light that has already for a long time been streaming upon them in great abundance. Now the time has come when the great edifice of clerical control - as once the walls of Jericho - will come tumbling down through the flourish of trumpets of My divine teaching, so that the blind waiting behind these walls may gain an unobstructed view over the valley of the Jordan, in whose waters once had Myself baptized and where the voice from the heavens called: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!" (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 12) **ii**

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iii THE MEANING OF MOSES CEREMONIES relates to THE MISSION OF THE LORD ON EARTH and to SOCIAL (POLITICAL) and HEALTH-RELATED PURPOSES

[8] I said: "Friend, according to human standards you have spoken very well, and **in the very first beginning of men on this Earth, the godly teaching was also given as pure as I give it to you now**, but men who discovered all too soon preceding ceremonies with everything that happens and exists in the nature of things and the phenomena on and above this Earth, fell back with all their actions to a preceding ceremony and so they also applied it in worshipping God.

[9] So they claimed that one should only worship and honor God on certain clean places. Whoever would not do that, showed by that not to have any true esteem and respect for God. In order to make such places all the more respectable for men, they performed there a kind of sacrificing service, although in the beginning with really pure and well-considered good intentions, since men had to offer a part of the produce of their work and their efforts to the teachers who were awakened by God, so that the instructing teachers could provide for themselves.

[10] When men slowly multiplied themselves more and more on the Earth and had spread ever further, there were also more and more teachers and religious places, prayer houses and offering places that were declared to be clean and worthy for God by the teachers. Now when men became richer and wealthier by their zeal, they were then no more satisfied with the places that were declared only to be clean and worthy for God, like certain hills, little forests, pure wells and here and there also gardens that were constructed with nice smelling flowers, but they built more distinguished huts, later houses and temples where the teachers could instruct the people, accept the offerings that were brought to them and they prayed there with the people to God with words, gestures and also with songs. And with the things, which they considered to be especially nice, beautiful and exalted they also honored God as Creator of such beautiful things and they consecrated these to Him.

[11] And look, this is how men, and more specifically their more and more richer but also more and more greedy and imperious teachers and predecessors, have slowly invented and introduced **the ceremonial religion** (which is actually only a religion in name), and from this all too soon true idolatry has resulted.

[12] **Actually Moses did not introduce the ceremony but has only explained it and brought it back to the old, pure initial beginning. He destroyed the statues and temples, and only one hut was assigned for that in which the ark was. Therein were kept the laws and books of Moses, and later also the scriptures of the other prophets, besides still other objects, which reminded God's actions.**

[13] **But Moses had always assigned a dual purpose to everything that looked like a ceremony, according to the instructions of God. The one thing was that the ceremony, as a sign-scripture, represented symbolically everything that is happening now during My time in full reality and which will still continue to happen, and secondly, he assigned political purposes to it, and also other things that were very beneficial for the maintenance of bodily health and for these regions of the Earth. He prescribed to them what they could eat and drink. And how, when and how often they had to wash and clean themselves, how their homes had to be constructed and arranged and which clothing the Jews had to wear.**

[14] So also circumcision served a dual purpose, for firstly, to every newly born Jew a name was given and the year and the day and even the time of his birth was written in the big book of circumcision – which was all necessary – and to the newly born Jew, the obligation was imposed to develop himself to become a perfect human being, to acknowledge God, to believe in Him, to respect and to love Him and to keep His commandments. Look, that was the spiritual-moral purpose of circumcision. The other purpose was however again of a political nature and had also an influence on the health and cleanness of the body.

[15] **Now it is easy for you to clearly perceive that the old ceremony of the Jews was in fact not a religious one, but was simply and solely for the benefit of men. The fact that in time the ceremony changed into complete idolatry, that, every somehow clearer seeing and thinking gentile can see, not to mention a pure Jew who is enlightened by God.**

[16] Besides, everything in this world happens over a certain ceremony, as I have already said before. Although a ceremony is in itself worthless, but will still always precede every event of importance and goes with and follows it as its worthless shadow.

[17] Just look carefully at a dawning day. The first forerunner is a light shimmering in the east and certain known stars that will rise up prior to the sun above the horizon. That first light

shimmering is soon followed by a clearer morning shimmering, after that a morning red and still a lot more. All these events that precede the morning are in a certain way also ceremonies, which in itself have truly no value, and even less so once the sun has fully risen.

[18] So also, **the spiritual sun has now risen in Me for all Jews and also for all gentiles**, and consequently all statues, things and ceremonies, which indicated and proclaimed Me beforehand – no matter how richly in meaning they may be in themselves – have no more value for the true life of men, for in bright daylight no sensible human being will have in his mind to lighten a night lamp in order to give to the day a still stronger light.

[19] And as I have now shown you the ceremony of the dawning of the day, without especially pointing out to you a same ceremony for the falling night, so you can consider the events of the coming summer or autumn, winter and also spring as a ceremony, and also the events during the development of for instance a fruit tree and still other vegetations and creatures on this Earth. Although they are absolutely necessary for the produce of a ripe and tasty fruit, what finally really matters is the ripe and good fruit.

[20] And this is now the case here in the sphere of the spiritual life. Many ceremonies preceded this time of light, which now however have become worthless and senseless, because the sun of life has now risen and **everyone can now pluck the completely ripe fruit of the tree of life** and can saturate and strengthen himself for the benefit of the eternal life of the soul. And if he can do that, then how can all these preceding ceremonies have any value of life for him?

[21] And so you can be a real and in My eyes legal Jew without circumcision and without paying for it. For he who walks during the day has no need to greet a morning shimmering as if it should be necessary for his life, and he who has plucked a completely ripe fruit and has it before him, should really not worry how the tree has set the buds and has then blossomed, or if it had carried many or few leaves, because the fruit is the main thing. Once it is there, then all the previous things have no more value.

[22] I believe now that you and all the others who are present here have surely understood how the ceremonies came into existence among the people, and what value they had in their purity. And likewise you will now also understand how the ceremonies have slowly degenerated and have now no, and cannot have any, other value than the shadow that follows the walker if he directs his way of life to the direction and the position of the sun. Did you all well understand this now?" (GGJ Book 20, chap. 23)

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iv THE ARCHITECTURE COMMANDED BY THE LORD (Exod 25:2 on, 1 Kings 6) suggests HIS ATTRIBUTES AND ACTIVITY

The following excerpt depicts architectural details from the natural sun, but surely similar explanations can be given for the Old Testament's architecture ordered by God like the Tabernacle (Moses), the Temple of Solomon etc

[NS 17.30] The reason is that the students of the institution live in during their courses; for here they must learn much, namely as you have heard, God's order in many diverse things, or here, they have to, as it were, learn to read in the great book of God's nature, the reason also for all the aforementioned ornamentations within this building.

[NS 17.31] To give you some idea, I will give you the signification of just a pillar. **The round base** or foot signifies the power of God or of His will, the external foundation of all things. The square **pillar** above it signifies the power going forth from this foundation, which is the support of heaven and all created things. The created things are represented by the **adornments** fastened to the pillar and have a homogeneity among themselves as well as with the power which brings them into being and carries them. For you must know that such decorations are not made and attached to the pillars by human hands but solely through the higher will of the Great God, who speaks through a completely purified human heart. **The chapters** upon such pillars signify wisdom and the **spheres** above the chapters the profundity of same within God, the **arches** joining these spheres signify the inscrutable paths by which God's wisdom sees through and connects everything in supreme order, which order is then the maintaining carrier of all infinity.

[NS 17.32] Behold, this is just a fleeting sketch of the sense in which this office building is erected with all its features, which the students then have to learn to recognize within such order by systematic instruction. Would you not prefer such a college to your Latin ones on Earth? Behold, this is the right type of educational institution! (The Natural Sun, chap. 17) **iv**

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v **HEAVEN** in man (Genesis 1) mean THE SPIRITUAL (THE RIGHT LOVE, THE RIGHT INSIGHT, THE RIGHT INTELLECT, MANIFESTING AS LIVING FAITH), **EARTH** means THE NATURAL (LOVE, FEELINGS), and **THE WATERS/ SEA** mean THE KNOWLEDGE/ COGNITIONS. **THE FIRMAMENT** is THE FIRM WILL WITHIN DIVINE ORDER, **THE LIGHTS** ON THIS FIRMAMENT are WISDOM from the Heaven of Heavens. **THE GREAT LIGHT** (to rule the day) and **THE SMALL LIGHT** (to rule the night) are THE SPIRIT and THE SOUL of man

In man, **heaven** is the spiritual and **earth** the natural; this still is void and without form - as in your case. **The waters** are your deficient knowledge of all things, above which the Spirit of God moves indeed, but not yet within them. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 157)

16. Man therefore is being sorted out even in his natural state. The cognitions have their place - that is man's **sea**, and the love emerging from the cognitions as a **soil** capable of carrying fruit, washed all around by the totality of rightful cognitions, steadily renewed in its strength for the bringing forth of all kinds of select fruits ever more abundantly.' (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 158)

"1. Which way do you read Genesis? Is it not written thus: *"And God said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days, and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth; and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the*

day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day". (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN I, chap. 160)

11. The **firmament** which Moses means is the firm will within the divine order, gone forth from the right understanding and love, which is the blessed **soil of life**. Since such will can however only go forth from **the fertile fullness of the true divine love in man's heart**, just as this goes forth from the heavenly light which God had poured out in man when dividing the latter's inner darkness into evening and morning, just so **the heaven within man is this right love and the right insight and the right intellect, which manifest as a living faith**. And the firm will within the divine order is the **firmament** of heaven in man, and into such firmament, if same is in accordance with the love-will of God and the right order, **God puts now lights out of the Heaven of heavens, which is the right Father love in God's heart. And the lights then light up the will, raising it to the insight of the angels of the Heaven of heavens, and therewith raise the created man to the uncreated one, who had transformed himself, as a child of God, through his own free will within the divine order.**" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN I, chap. 160)

"1. For as long as man is a creature he is temporal, transitory and cannot endure; because every **man in his natural state is merely a suitable vessel** within which a man proper can develop through God's constant participation.

2. Once **the outer vessel** has reached the right degree of development, to which end God has provided same with all essential parts and properties over abundantly, He then awakens or rather develops His uncreated eternal Spirit within man's heart, and **this Spirit in its effect is what Moses understands and wishes to be understood by the two great lights which God put in the firmament**, the way it also was understood, and never otherwise, by all patriarchs and prophets.

3. This eternal, uncreated, eternally live light in the heavenly firmament of man only then is the really true ruler of the actual day within man, teaching the former vessel to fully transform itself into its uncreated divine being and to therewith make the entire man into a true child of God.

4. Every created man however has **a living soul**, which indeed also is a spirit, with the necessary capacity to know the good and the true, and the evil and the false, acquiring the good and true and banishing the evil and false from itself; nevertheless it is not an uncreated but created spirit, and as such can never by itself gain the childhood of God.

5. If however it has in all humility and modesty of heart and from the free will implanted by God, accepted the good and true in accordance with the law given it, then such humble, modest and obedient will has, to put it bluntly, become a heavenly firmament, because it has

developed itself in accordance with the celestial placed within it, becoming then fully capable of assuming the uncreated divine nature.

6. **The purely divine or uncreated Spirit of God now placed permanently into such celestial firmament is the great light; man's soul however which is transformed to an almost equally great light through the great light is the smaller and lesser light**, which however like the uncreated great light is placed in the same celestial firmament and transformed to a co-uncreated light, without losing any of its natural nature but instead gaining endlessly in a fully purified spiritual sense. Because by itself man's soul could never behold God in His purest divine nature, and the purest uncreated Spirit conversely, could not behold the natural, since there exists for Him nothing material-natural. But through the above mentioned complete conjunction of the purest Spirit with the soul the latter can now behold God in His arch-spiritual purest Being through the new spirit provided it, and conversely the natural - by the Spirit through the soul.

7. This Moses is saying, that **a great light is to rule the day and the lesser light the night**, to determine the signs, i.e. to determine out of all wisdom the basis for every appearance and all created things, hence also determine the times, days and years, which is to say: **to recognise God's wisdom, love and grace in all phenomena.**

8. **The stars which Moses also mentions are the countless useful cognitions** - every individual thing, which latter of course all flow from the main cognition, and are therefore placed in the same heavenly firmament as the two main lights.

9. And behold, this at last is the fourth day of creation of which Moses speaks in Genesis, which nevertheless, as with the former three, has gone forth from the same evening and morning in man. "(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 161) **v**

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vi EARTH (SOIL), SEEDS, VEGETATION and FRUITS (Genesis 1) mean THE NATURAL LOVE, THE WORD OF GOD, THE GOOD AND TRUTH COMING FROM THE RIGHT COGNITIONS and ACTS COMING FORTH FROM LOVE - also in the Parable of the Sower, Sermon on the Mount and other

12. And it says, *..and God called the dry land earth, and the water, now gathered at certain places, the seas*".

[...] 16. **Man therefore is being sorted out even in his natural state. The cognitions have their place - that is man's sea, and the love emerging from the cognitions as a soil capable of carrying fruit, washed all around by the totality of rightful cognitions, steadily renewed in its strength for the bringing forth of all kinds of select fruits ever more abundantly.**' "(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 158)

"1. 'When man's cognitions therefore surround man from all sides and are progressively lit up and warmed by the love-flame which they had fed, then man correspondingly grows in strength and the capacity to act.

2. In this state **God again comes to man - in Spirit** of course, and **as love eternal speaks to man's love in his heart**: *'Let the earth bring forth vegetation, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth!'*

3. **Upon such Commandment from God in the heart, man gains a firm will, strength and confidence and goes into action.**

4. And behold! His right cognitions take off like rain-laden clouds above the ordered sea and move over the dry land, moistening and fructifying it. And the earth begins to turn green, bringing forth **all kinds of grass and herbs with seed, and all kinds of fruit trees and bushes and seeds, yielding fruit**, i.e., **that which the right intellect, translucent with heavenly wisdom now regards as fully good and true, then also desired forthwith by the love in man's heart.**

5. **Because just as the seed laid in the earth soon sprouts, bringing forth manifold fruit, just so is the effect of the right cognitions if laid in the life-giving soil of the heart.**

6. The seed however acts in the manner of awakening the love-force dormant in the soil, and this then gathers increasingly around the seed-grain, effecting the unfolding of the latter to growth, yielding fruit. In short, **the right cognition moves to action only in the heart, and from the action all kinds of works emerge; and it is of this that, out of deep wisdom, Moses speaks in Genesis, and that as already rendered verbatim, from chapter 1, verses 11 and 12.**

7. **Man's former evening, raised to proper cognition through the light, thus leads to action**, which must be followed by works; and this is the third day in the heart's development and that of the whole man in man, who is the spiritual man around whom everything revolves, on whose account Moses and all the prophets of God came to this world, just as I Myself now! This surely ought to edify you now!?' (GGJ vol. 1, chap. 159)

4. The Lord's word and teaching is like all His works. He gives us His teaching in **seed-pods**. These we have first to sow into **the soil of our spirit, which soil is called LOVE**. Then the seed will sprout and grow into a tree of true knowledge of God and ourselves, and from this tree we shall then in due course be able to gather fully matured fruit for eternal life.

5. **LOVE IS THE PRINCIPAL THING**; without it no fruit of the spirit can thrive. Sow the wheat into the air and see whether it will grow and bear fruit for you, but if you put the grain of wheat into good soil, it will grow and bear multiple fruit. **The right love, however, is a proper soil for the spiritual grain of seed** which we receive from the Lord's mouth.

6. This is the reason why the Lord has now for all of you abolished the harsh Mosaic law of punishment, so that you may soon grow richer in good soil in your hearts. For he who punishes according to the law has little or often no love at all and **the divine word-seed will, therefore, develop in him only poorly**. The one who is being punished is anyway in the judgement in which there is no love, since judgement is the death of love. "(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 43)

“1. Says Nathanael, ‘This far I had to instruct you, from here on everything is in the Lord’s hand. What He wills, we also shall will and do, for all of us are spiritually still very poor. Therefore, we must remain with Him, so that we may gain the Kingdom of Heaven. We will bear together with the Lord all suffering and persecution, so that with and in Him we shall have the proper comfort. In His name let us be meek in all our thoughts, opinions, wishes and desires, also in all our actions, so that we may be **able to take real possession of the true soil which is THE PURE LOVE OF GOD IN OUR HEARTS.** (GGJ Book 1, chap. 45)

[3] I said: “Out of you will grow what grows out of a **mustard seed**, which is a very little seed when it is put in fertile and life bringing soil. It soon will grow as big as a real tree, under which branches even the birds of the sky will take up residence. And that mustard seed will then be capable to gradually increase its fruit up to infinity – a quality that is not only present in a mustard seed but also in all other seeds.

[4] **You are now still very simple seeds. My teaching that I give you is the well fertilized soil in which I sow you Myself, and when you will eagerly absorb the life’s power of this teaching, you will also abundantly bear fruit in My Kingdom, for no eye has ever seen, no ear ever heard and no sense organ ever felt what those can expect in My Kingdom who believe in Me, love Me and keep My easy commandments.** (GGJ Book 24, chap. 78)

Note: We can see that in the above text, the seed is no more the Word/ the teaching of God, but the man himself – and indeed, here the Lord doesn’t speak about the seed as the right cognitions from the Word of God that lead to fruits as acts of love, but of the spiritual man as the seed growing in God or in God’s wisdom as a living (fertilized) soil. So here we probably deal not with the natural-spiritual perspective, but with the completely spiritual one, as nothing of the natural, thus possibly negative feelings or cognitions is considered. Consider also the Lord addresses His faithful followers on their certain way to spiritual rebirth and not any human being. An argument for this perspective unfolds clearly in the following:

16. **Once such a transition has taken place of man’s own accord and all his love is now dwelling in God, then through such sacred love the whole person is dwelling within God where he is brought to maturity and strengthened as a new being and thus, after attainment of proper maturity, reborn of God."** (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 2) vi

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vii In the image of JACOB’S LADDER (Gen 28:12), **THE EARTH** is THE LOVE IN THE HEART OF MAN, **THE HEAVEN** is MAN’S WISDOM OR ENLIGHTENED MIND, **THE SUN OF HEAVEN** for the heart is THE NATURAL MIND, **THE ANGELS** are THE THOUGHTS, IDEAS AND CONCEPTS ASCENDING FROM LOVE TO TRUE WISDOM AND REVERSE, **THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE HEART OF MAN** is THE LOVE FOR GOD AND FELLOWMAN

[11] I said: “O the great blindness of the people! How can you as a very experienced person assume, that angels from the material heaven will descend to this earth and will ascend back again and that the people should see this happening and also how those angels would serve Me?! **The descending and ascending of the angels only means: to ascend from love to true wisdom and with wisdom back to love again, which is the true, living spirit out of God in you.**

[12] **If a person properly awakens and understands in his heart the love for God and his neighbor, he then ascends thereby to wisdom or the right and deep cognition in all things. But if a person has obtained such knowledge and has more deeply recognized and comprehended the unlimited love, wisdom and power of God, he will become full of humility and full of the most living love for God. If this is the case he descends again into his heart, making it even brighter so that it can become more glowing with love for God.**

[13] ‘But’, you say to yourself, ‘does this earth represent love and heaven wisdom, since on this earth it is so loveless and from heaven comes only good, very seldom something less good?’”

[14] Yes, in the heart of man which is the seat of love, most often it is also very loveless, and yet the heart is still the seat of love. But the pure love in the heart, being alone, by itself would bring forth just as little fruit as the earth without the light of the sun. The sun of heaven for the heart in man is his natural mind. This descends in ordered, good thoughts, ideas and concepts into the heart or down to the earth in man, gives it light and gives life to the seed for good and noble deeds. If the light of the mind is still weak like the sun in winter, the heart will still become more sensible and wiser; but because it is still very much in self-love, the noble seeds in it will not germinate, grow and bring to maturity living fruits of action. But if a person through diligence and the right use of his talents and abilities in his mind becomes brighter and brighter, the light of the mind will also awaken the warmth of life in the heart with more might, and the seeds resting in it will start to germinate, to grow, to blossom and soon bring noble fully ripe fruits of action to a rich harvest of life.

[15] And thus by ‘angels’ are meant the thoughts, ideas and concepts of the enlightened mind, which is the heaven of wisdom in man in of course the smallest scale. Those descend and ascend and serve the still hidden Spirit of God in the heart of man, and this spirit is called love for God and love for the neighbor. But just as this living spirit out of God in the heart of man is not recognized and considered by so many people while, nevertheless, the salvation of man with respect to his temporal and eternal life is dependent on this very spirit, also I Myself as the Lord and primordial foundation of all being and existence, am not recognized by the people of the world, although they see which great thoughts, ideas and concepts out of the heavens of God descend and again ascend through Me to and from this earth and which most brightly illuminate the heart and warm it up and revive it to carry living fruits of action. Therefore there are many who are called, but the chosen ones are only few, who accept and take to heart My word, and turn it into a rich and vigorous harvest of deeds.

[16] Are you starting to understand a little who are actually in the first instance the angels, who descend from heaven to earth and again ascend to heaven to serve Me as the God from eternity and here on earth, temporally for you people, you who are called to be children of God, are His heart and also His earth?” (GGJ Book 16, chap. 75)

76. JACOB'S LADDER.

THE SOUL IN THE BEYOND.

[1] Nicodemus said: "Lord and Master from eternity, only now do I fully recognize in all truth that You alone are the true Christ, the Anointed of God, whose fullness resides in You, because never has a prophet on this earth taught in this way. But since You have given us such a great revelation, You might, if it be Your holiest will, give us a light concerning **Jacob's ladder, on which angels between heaven and earth ascend and descend**. From this vision I could never understand what Jehovah, seen on top of the ladder, wanted to show Jacob. Jacob understood this dream vision much better than I, as we never received a closer explanation about this vision from him. – Lord, by my great love for You, I beg You for an explanation!"

[2] I said: "What Jacob has seen in his dream, was fully that, which I have very clearly and in greatest detail explained to you. **The ladder is the band between the heart and the enlightened head of man. The heart is here also the visible earth, which during the time of Jacob when he was in great need and difficulty, was also too desolate and barren and too little enlightened. But under these circumstances he began to think deeply about God, and wondered what it was he had done that God let him come into such great difficulty. He then fell asleep in the open field and saw in himself the connection between his heart's earth and the heaven of light in his head. He saw how his thoughts, ideas and concepts as on a ladder descending down to his heart, enlightening and comforting it, and then, through the increased love of the heart, they also more revived and strengthened, ascended back to God, to be more and deeply illuminated. And look now at the whole course of Jacob's life, and you will see how he from then on thought more and more about God and also lived more strictly according to the will of God.**

[3] At the same time it is also shown by this noteworthy dream, how out of him a generational ladder will rise as a true bond between his descendants and God, on which the children of God will then ascend and then again descend in the recognition of God, and that at the highest point of the generation ladder as seen by him, Jehovah will reveal Himself in My personality to renew the old bond and to elevate it throughout the liveliest truth.

[4] And as such Jacob's ladder has been explain to you all twofold and threefold and you know now, what you truly spiritually have to understand under the concept "angels of God". But for your sake, I still ask you, if you have understood everything." (GGJ Book 16, chap. 76) vii

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viii **THE SEA** (Psalm 107 & other) means THE WORLD, the adverse **WINDS** mean THE WORLDLY ACTIVITIES.

CHAPTER 20 "And He saw that they were in need of rowing; because the wind was against them. And He came to them for the fourth night watch, walking on the lake; and He would pass by them." (Mark 6:48)

[4] The 'sea' means the world; the adverse "winds" are the world's activities and their desires, against which a right boatman struggles until the fourth night watch, which marks his last days of life, that is, throughout his lifetime; because "night" is the material life in this world understood. (Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 20) viii

ix **DAY** and **NIGHT** in their spiritual meaning are the SPIRITUAL LIFE and THE MATERIAL LIFE; **EVENING** and **MORNING** are the SPIRITUAL MORNING and SPIRITUAL EVENING; **THE SHIP** (Isa 33:21, Dan 11:40 & other) is the MAN LIVING IN THE WORLD. **SUNSET** and **SUNRISE** (Genesis 1) denotes the MATERIAL and THE SPIRITUAL.

6The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night. [Psalm 121:6]

[...] because "night" is the material life in this world understood.

[5] The Lord is not in the ship. Why not? - Because not in the world; for the ship denotes the man living in the world, with whom the Lord is not, for the sake of man's freedom.

[...][14] But when, nevertheless, I meet such a very low and easily ascendable ship on the fluctuating waves of the world and are recognized by it, I also enter, as if I would also be willing to pass by. **And once I'm on the boat, it will soon be day, and in the day you can easily see the safe shore, and I as a good master sailor will no doubt not miss the shore.**

(Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 20)

[3] At the same time, however, the **earthly evening** corresponds completely vice versa with the **spiritual morning** and vice versa the **earthly morning** with the **spiritual evening**; since with the earthly morning, most people start as far as possible to engage in worldly worries, and this is a true and deep spiritual evening often without dusk, thus actually already a spiritual night. Only in the evening, tired of the worldly worries, many reluctantly start thinking about the flight of the temporal and turn to God, and this corresponds at least with a spiritual dawn. (The Great Gospel of John Book 9, chap. 71)

[9] [...] With 'sunrise' the spiritual should be understood, with 'sunset' all what is natural."
(Chap. 59. The gradual cleansing of sciences and technologies - THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21)

7. **With man, his initial natural being is late evening and hence night.** Since God gives him light however, such light is to him a veritable **sunrise**, and out of man's evening and sunrise verily come man's first day of life.

8. Hence behold, if Moses, who most certainly had been an initiate into all Egyptian science had intended in his scripture to indicate the coming into being of the first terrestrial day, then he would, with all his science and wisdom have noted that no day could ever emerge from evening and morning; night proper surely always follows evening, and day comes only after the morning.

9. What therefore lies between evening and morning is night; only what lies between morning and evening is day!

10. Had Moses said, "...and hence out of morning and evening emerged the first day", then you would have been entitled to take this in its natural sense; but for good reasons of correspondences he said exactly the reverse, and this signifies man's evening and night, which also is understandable since nobody has seen the highest wisdom in a child yet.

11. When a child is born, its soul finds itself in utter darkness and therefore night. The child nevertheless grows, receiving all kinds of instruction, gaining all sorts of insights therewith; and behold, this is dusk comparable with evening.

12. Indeed you say that it dawns also in the morning, and Moses therefore might have said: 'And from dawn and an actually bright morning emerged the first day!'

13. To this I say: indeed, had he availed himself of spiritual correspondences to tell mankind the crassest nonsense! But Moses knew that only evening corresponds to man's terrestrial state; he knew that it was with man's worldly-intellectual education exactly as it is with the gradually waning light of natural evening.

14. The greater the pursuit of worldly things through men's intellect, the feebler the pure divine light of love and spiritual life in their hearts. Hence also Moses called such worldly light of men the evening.

15. Only when God through His mercy kindles a small light of life in the heart, does man begin to comprehend the nothingness of all that he had previously acquired through the intellect - his spiritual evening, whereupon he starts to gradually see how the treasures of his evening light are as transitory as this light itself.

16. The right light out of God however, kindled in the hearts of men is that morning which together with the preceding evening brings about the first true day within man.

17. From this My present explanation however you must see what a vast difference there has to be between these two respective lights or rather cognitions; because all cognition from the worldly evening light is deceptive and transitory. Only Truth lasts forever and deception has in the end to come to naught. "(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 157)

"[3] And further: "The evening and the morning were the first day." By "evening" is here meant that condition, in which the predisposing factors leading to the final taking up of the divine life of love begin to seize each other. And just as men call this transition from night to day the morning, correspondingly the transition from the unfree condition of the created being to that which is self-determined and free was called.

[4] The six days, which according to Moses come into existence out of evening and morning, correspond to the six periods through which each thing has to pass from its initial beginning to

its completion as that which it is until it stands perfected like a fully ripened ear of corn on the stalk.

[6] The rest of the seventh day is the condition of the life consolidated from the previous stages and now, endowed with full God-likeness, destined to last for eternity.” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 2, chap. 221) **ix**

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x MELCHIZEDEK was THE LORD HIMSELF

6] I said: “Yes, you are right in this, as it is also written that I will take away My light from the Jews and give it to the gentiles.

[7] **Therefore, I say to you that I then also will abolish the Old Covenant and the Old Testament, and will establish a new one for the Jews as well as for all people on Earth according to the order of Melchisedech who was a King of all kings and a Supreme Priest of all supreme priests. That is why all kings and patriarchs had to give the tithe – even Abraham was not excluded.**

[8] **And that Melchisedech was I, from the time of Noah till much after Abraham with whom the Covenant was concluded by the great promise that was made to him. And now I am here again as the same. But not to confirm and maintain the Old Covenant, but to make a New Covenant with all people, and then I also will remain King and Lord and Supreme Priest forever, entirely according to the order of Melchisedech. (GGJ Book 24, chap. 61)**

10] And Noah praised and glorified God for it over and over and said to the Lord: "O Lord, what service do You ask from me now, which forever should remain in all the seed of me?"

11] And the Lord said: **"You know, what I have said to Henoch! See, this order is always yours too; and thus remain in it for ever and ever! For I forever demand nothing else from the people, but to love Me, their God, Lord and Father above all! I demanded this from Henoch, and I also demand this from you and all your seed.**

12] **But I want to reveal another thing to you: Behold, since it now pleases Me on this earth, as a true Prince of princes, a Lord of lords and a King of kings, I want to build a dwelling for Myself on this earth! Not far from here I'm going to build a city, and will dwell in the same until the big time of times, when I will walk in the flesh Myself among My right children!**

13] **Thus the earth shall now be the place, on which My feet shall rest and walk!**

14] **When I came to your fathers, I became invisible again; but you shall see Me walk on My feet on the ground of the earth as a man, and move towards the evening up to a country which shall be called Canaan (blessed country)!**

15] **You will reach it in a seventeen days' journey! There I will build a city for Me; this, you and all your descendants, shall call 'Salem'! But My name as the Prince of princes, a Lord of lords and a King of kings shall be 'Melchizedek' {See also: "*The three days in the Temple*", Chap. 19 '*an elder (priest) since eternity!*'}**

16] **You are free; but your descendants will have to give Me the tenth part of everything; who will refuse will be driven out of My neighborhood! Amen.**" (The Household of God vol. 3, chap. 362) ^x

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^{xi} **JOB'S TEMPTER (SATAN) was THE JUDGED SPIRIT OF HIS FLESH**

[16] This was also the same with Job. In an earthly way Job was an extremely happy man and possessed many things. He was however also a wise man and very dedicated to God, living strictly according to the law. However, **his extreme wealth made his flesh more lusting and made high demands to the spirit in him.**

[17] **The judged spirit of the flesh** said in a way to the soul: 'I want to see if by my earthly pleasures and sorrow I cannot draw you away from your God and if I cannot exhaust your patience in such a way that I can put you under my coercive judgment.'

[18] This gave Job a mighty battle to fight, because on the one hand all earthly pleasures were at his disposal, of which he indeed enjoyed, but they did not rule over his soul and he remained united with the spirit.

[19] Since in this way the evil spirit of matter could not achieve anything with the soul, **his soul was tempted by all kinds of physical miseries that are symbolically described in the book.** But Job endured them all with patience, although he now and then grumbled and was lamenting his misery. But he finally always recognized, that before, God has given him everything, has taken it away and was able to give it back to him, and even more than what He has taken away from him, because of the full strengthening of his soul in the spirit.

[20] Now, when this is so, then **who was Satan who tempted the pious Job so much? It was the judged spirit of his flesh. This means the different lusts thereof.**

[21] But a certain personal primordial Satan and primordial devils did in reality not exist anywhere else except in the judged worldly matter of all kinds. However, the reason why Satan and the devils were presented by the old wise men by all kinds of dreadful visions is that the soul had to be able to imagine through all kinds of terrible images what kind of misery a free life must suffer when he will allow himself to be recaptured by the judgment of matter. (GGJ Book 18, chap. 82) ^{xi}

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^{xii} **THE LORD SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE LORD IS JESUS AS SON IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER OR GOD'S WISDOM IN RELATION TO GOD'S LOVE (Psalm 110:1, Matt 22:41-46)**

The Lord (= Jehovah = Yahweh) said to my Lord (Jesus) "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." (Psalm 110:1)

So when Jesus Himself, Stephen, Paul and other authors of the gospel repeatedly use the image —sitting at the right hand of God, they all make reference to Psalm 110:1 where the incarnation of Jehovah as Jesus is already emblematically predicted. And Jesus explicitly refers to the same verse in

His discussion with the teachers of the law and the Pharisees about the question: Whose son is Christ, the Messiah? Matthew 22:41-46: The question about the son of David. (Mark 12,35-37; Luke 20,41-44) While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls Him 'Lord'? For he says, (Psalm 110,1): 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

This scene is described in great detail in vol. 7 of the Great Gospel of John:

“There was now already quite a number of Pharisees and scribes around Me and they deliberated what they should ask further to trick Me, so that they could trap Me.

06] However, I said to them: “Listen, the fact that you want to ask me continuously questions of which you suspect that I will be trapped, is clear to everyone here. I already have answered a great deal of questions and have shown you that you cannot trap Me. Therefore I want to ask you a question again. If you can answer Me, you may ask Me again a few things.” [Mt 22, 41]

07] The Pharisees said: “Good, just ask, also we will not withhold You any answer.”

08] I said: “Well then, do tell me: what do you think about Christ? Whose Son will He be?” [Mt 22, 42]

09] The Pharisees said: “As it is written: He is a Son of David.”

10] I said: “Hmm, strange, if this is so, then why does David in the spirit call Him a Lord, when he says: ‘The Lord said to My Lord: sit down at My right hand until I have put Your enemies at Your feet?’ If David calls Him Lord, how can He then be his Son?” [Mt 22, 43-45]

11] On this, a Pharisee said: “We know that David has spoken in the spirit like this about Christ, but who can understand what he meant with the ‘Lord’, who spoke to his Lord, and who is the Lord who David called ‘his Lord’? Because according to the teaching of Moses we cannot accept that at the time of David they already thought and believed in two Lords of which each one would be completely God. The Lord who spoke to the Lord of David must clearly be another person than the Lord who David calls ‘his Lord’. Otherwise how could David say: ‘The Lord spoke to my Lord’? But who can understand this? If You understand it, then explain it to us. Then we will believe that You speak out of God’s Spirit. “

12] I said: “If you as so-called scribes cannot understand the way of speaking of the old Hebrews, how then do you want to understand their spirit?

13] The Lord, thus Jehovah, has certainly also been a Lord of David, thus also his Lord. And therefore, David did not express himself wrongly when he said: ‘My Lord spoke to my Lord.’ And when he spoke like that it is also clear that both Lords, who by way of expression are only apparently two Lords, are in fact one and the same Lord. You yourselves do also say: ‘**My spirit spoke to the mind of my soul.**’ Does the spirit of man not live in his soul and is consequently

one with his soul, although it is as real life power in the soul more noble and more complete than the substantial soul itself?

14] However **in God there also reside two discernible essentialities although they represent His basic primordial existence and thus His indivisible One primordial Being.**

15] The one distinct essential essentiality is **love**, as the eternal flame of life in God, and the other distinct essentiality is as a result of the brightest flame of life, the light of the **wisdom** in God.

16] If this is now so, and undeniable not different, is then the love in God not totally the same glory in God as His wisdom?

17] But when David said: **‘The Lord spoke to my Lord’, he only said that the endless merciful love in God penetrated its wisdom totally and said to it: ‘Go and sit at My right hand, become Word and Being, become one with all My life’s power, then everybody who is an enemy of the light must bow before the love life’s power in the light thereof.’**

18] However, what David said at that time in the spirit, stands now in a wonderful way embodied before you. Why do you close your eyes and do not want to realize that the great promise is being fulfilled and stands and speaks now before you, and is showing you the ways of the true life from and in God?” (The Great Gospel of John vol. 7, 198:5-19) **xii**

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xiii THE VIRGIN or THE WIDOW(Isaiah 54:2-8) is THE LORD’S TEACHING

14]I said: “What was written so far about Me, it was also possible to make you comprehend; but to make you comprehend from now onwards what concerns Me and My works will be most difficult, and even as a fact not possible at all!

15] For that ‘Virgin’ who is not to fear being made ashamed, and who is not to be confounded so as to be put to shame, but who will no longer think of the shame of her Virginity and who is to forget the reproach of widowhood, is by no means Jerusalem and its Temple; for truly the figuratively corresponding term ‘Virgin’ would for ever fit them as little as that of ‘widow’!

16] The ‘**Virgin**’ spoken of there, will only be created by Me; this shall be **My new doctrine**, for man, out of the heavens; and it is called a ‘Virgin’ because no egotistical whoring and insolent priest-hood will have previously misused it, for their vile worldly purposes.

17] This my future doctrine will also, for a short time, be called ‘**Widow**’ because I shall then be also taken from her through your wrath and your vengeance, but only with the permission of Him Who is within Me and nowhere outside of Me. But the **husband** of this Virgin and widow, shall of course also be I Myself, because she is formed by Me. But who is really **the man who**

has formed the Virgin and made her a widow? Just read it out of the prophets, as well as the promises given to her; for I am the Man, and the promises concern only the mysterious Virgin.'

18] Much later on also, 'times' as Daniel described them, shall come, in which even of this purest doctrine great abuse shall be made, but never of the Virgin herself - only of the children and the daughters of the children of the pure Virgin widowed for a short time. Naturally those shall not be partners of My promises, but surely that certain 'Virgin' descending from My Mouth, and her numerous pure children. (chap. 29, The 3 Days Scene) **xiii**

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xiv THE RAIN or WATER from Heaven (Psalm 84 & other) is LORD'S TEACHING

It is again the Word that in the beginning created heaven and earth, as Moses expressed it, the Word as actual life and light beaming from on high and pouring warmth and love into your hearts.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was I, and in the end the Word will keep sounding on and on, and I shall continue forever spreading light, life and love and guiding the children that are Mine in spirit.

Once the Word became flesh and those who were then living saw Its glory, but did not recognize it. And the Word shall once more become flesh, that is, spiritualized flesh, and shall be recognized and comprehended by the living in Its glory, and they shall receive grace upon grace of Its abundance.

John once baptized with water, but now there will be baptism with spirit. Streams of heavenly water will be pouring into people's hearts, softening and awakening many of them; but many will also remain untouched or will hide from this rain. Happy he whose heart is still receptive for the water from on high, who is directed upwards and does not resist the heavenly blessings! On all these people the divine light of grace will be poured - as once a ray of the divine light came down onto Christ in the form of a dove - and it will spread peace and tranquility in their hearts and all their surroundings. (Sermons of the Lord, chap. 3)

[10] What does it say here afterwards: "He who believes in Me, out of whose bodies or loins rivers of living water will flow!?" (John 7:38-39) The living water, however, also signifies the living wisdom from the heavens, which must nevertheless also be regarded as a sure criterion of the Divinity of My Word! (Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 34)

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8. **"Whoever does not understand that My Word is a living water, does not grasp in the least what God is, what Abedam and what Enoch; for only the living water can reveal this to him completely.**

9. "Since, therefore, this depends on the true, intimate acquaintance with the living water, the question arises: How, then, is the Word from My mouth a living water?

10. This too you shall see in an accurate metaphor; and so hear it:

11. "At home you have a garden. In the same you have planted a great variety of good plants. When during the summer now and again it becomes very dry you water the plants with good water so that they do not dry out and die in the barren soil of your garden. But despite your diligent watering the plants thrive only very poorly and your harvest is as poor as is the soil in living food, which consists solely in a well-blessed rain from the clouds of heaven.

12. "You say out of your wisdom: 'A dry year is a scourge both for the plants and for our stomach and skin!'

13. "Why, then, do you consider the rainwater better and more nourishing than the one you pour from your jug onto the plants? - Answer Me this out of your wisdom."

14. And the speaker replied: 'This is quite natural: Because the earth's spring-water has already imparted its energy to the earth prior to reaching the surface of the earth feebly. However, the rainwater falls in undiminished strength to the ground of the earth where a single raindrop is more precious for the flora than a whole jug full of the purest spring-water. - I consider my answer to be correct.'

15. And the most holy Abba replied: "Quite right; so **consider My Word a rain from the heavens of all life, and the life-giving property of the water of this My living Word will no longer be a riddle to you, and Abedam together with Enoch will appear before you in great clarity and in all the fullness of His Deity. Understand it. Amen.**" (*Household of God - HHG vol. 2. Chap. 167*)

*"Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never suffer thirst any more. **The water that I shall give him will be an inner spring for him** welling up into everlasting life." (John 4:14)*

[7] For whoever drinks the natural water of this or any other will soon be thirsty again. **But the one who drinks (accepts with faith into his heart) the spiritual water (My teaching), which only I can give, will not ever be thirsty again, for the water I give to anyone becomes an inner spring for him welling up into everlasting life.**

[8] You take Me to be a proud, arrogant Jew, but see I am meek with all My soul and full of the deepest humility. Thus, who does not become as humble as I am will not participate in the Kingdom of God which has now descended to the Earth.

[9] At the same time **the living water offered to you is the sole true cognition of God and eternal life out of God, thus welling from God, the life of all life, into man as eternal life**

where it becomes an inexhaustible, ever-present life, flowing back into God's life and producing in God one and the same freely active life. See, such water is what is what I am offering you. How could you misunderstand Me so much?' (The Great Gospel of John, Book 1, chap. 26) ^{xiv}

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^{xv} **THE DAY OF THE LORD** is THE TIME OF TRIAL OF TRUE FAITH. **WHITEWASHING THE WALLS WITH LOOSE CHALK** is OUTER APPEARANCE OF PIOUSNESS FOR MATERIAL GAIN. **POURING RAIN** is THE PURE WORD OF GOD. **HEAVY HAIL** is THE FIRM TRUTH. **MIGHTY WHIRLWIND** is THE MIGHT OF TRUTH. **THE DAUGHTERS OF PEOPLE MAKING CUSHIONS FOR ARMS AND PILLOWS FOR HEADS** are THE WORLDLY RELIGIOUS RULES/ ORDER (that make people inactive and spiritually lazy) (Ezek 1, Rev 8 & other)

[3] Therefore, you belong to those false prophets, together with the high priest and with all your false prophets like the elders, scribes, Pharisees and Levites in Jerusalem and also in the synagogues everywhere in the whole of the Jewish land, about whom the Lord says by the prophet Ezekiel:

[4] 'Child of men, prophesy against the prophets of Israel and speak to those who prophesy from their own heart and understanding: Hear the word of the Lord. This is what the Lord Lord says: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit without ever having had a vision or heard a call.

[5] O Israel, the prophets to whom you adhere are as foxes in the desert. They do not come out of their holes (out of fear to be captured) and they also do not line up as a barrier around the (threatened) house of Israel, and they are not in the battle on **the day of the Lord** (**time of trial of the true faith**). Their so-called visions are nothing and their prophecies are only lies. Yes, they say very boldly: 'The lord has said it', and still, they know very clearly in themselves that He has never called nor sent them, and they only strive with furious efforts to keep their things (for their worldly well being).

[6] (Say, all of you false prophets:) Is it not so, that your so-called visions are nothing and that your prophecies are only lies? And still you say to the people: 'The Lord has said it' while I have never spoken to you, as you very well know.

[7] That is why the Lord says further: Because you proclaim things to the people that do not result in anything, and prophecy lies to the people, I will come Myself to you (to reveal your tricks to the people), says the Lord. And My hand will come over those prophets who proclaim things that do not result in anything and prophecy lies. They will not be at the assembly of My people and will not be written down in the number of the house of Israel, nor come into the land Israel. And you will experience that I am the Lord Lord, (and that is why My hand will come over them) because they deceive My people and say to them: 'Peace (be with you)', while there is no peace.

[8] If the people will still (in My name) **build a wall, they come and whitewash it with their loose chalk** (**outer appearance of pioussness for the sake of their earthly gain**). Say to those who whitewash with their loose chalk: your white chalk will soon fall off the wall, **because there will be pouring rain, and heavy hail will come down, by which the white chalk will**

fall off, and a mighty whirlwind will break it loose. (With '**pouring rain**' the pure Word of God should be understood – with '**heavy hail**' its firm truth, with '**mighty whirlwind**' the **might of the truth**). See, together with the white chalk, also the decayed wall will fall down. Then what does it mean when they will say to you: 'Where is now that which you have whitewashed?'

[9] But this is what the Lord Lord says: In a whirlwind I will let fall down everything (that is false) into ruin in My wrath, send a pouring rain in My anger, and heavy hail in My wrath. These will overturn everything. In this manner I will overturn the wall, which you have whitewashed with loose chalk, and throw it down to the ground, and when it will lie smashed on the ground, its false foundation will be seen, and by that its false prophets will be destroyed and *they will* experience that I am the Lord. In this way I will let loose My wrath on the wall and on those who have whitewashed it with loose chalk, and I will say to you: There is no more wall here, or anyone who is whitewashing it. These are the prophets of Israel who prophesy in Jerusalem and proclaim peace, while there is no peace (among themselves), says the Lord Lord.

[10] And you, child of men (Ezekiel), turn your face also against **the daughters of your people**, who also prophesy in their heart. And prophesy against them and say: 'This is what the Lord Lord says: Woe unto you who make **cushions for the people to put under their arms and pillows to put under their heads**, both for young and old, in order to catch their souls. And when you caught the souls among My people, you promise them the eternal life. In this way you profane Me among the people for a handful of barley and a piece of bread, because you condemn to death instead of to life those souls who should not die. And those souls who should not live anyway (because of their godless way of life) you condemn to life by your lies among My people who like to hear lies.

[11] Therefore, this is what the Lord Lord says: I will attack your cushions (like a lion), by which you catch the souls and falsely ensnare them. I will tear them away from your arms, and free the souls whom you falsely want to ensnare and *whom you* have captured for death. Likewise I will tear up your pillows and save My people from your hands, in such a way that you will no more capture them. And so you will experience that I am the Lord. I want to do it and will do it, because you falsely sadden the hearts of the righteous whom I Myself have never saddened. And instead of that you strengthen the hands of the godless, so that they will not repent of their evil nature and would come to life by that. Therefore, you will never more proclaim useless teachings or prophecy. Thus I will pull My people out of your hands, and you will experience that I alone am the Lord.'

[12] Look, My friend, this is how the Lord has spoken by the mouth of the prophet to the false prophets. And what He has said is now completely being fulfilled before your eyes. And who the false prophets are in this time, worse than ever before, I do not have to tell you again, because I have described them to you more than enough.

[13] 'But', you are asking yourself, 'then who are **those daughters of Israel who also prophesy falsely and make cushions under the arms and pillows under the head for the people?**' These are **the rules that you made**, which you provide now not only with barley and bread, but abundantly with all imaginable treasures. ^{xv}

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^{xvi} **THE LOINS GIVING LIVING WATER** (John 7:38-39) means CHARITY GIVING WISDOM or ACTIVE LOVE GIVING ETERNAL LIFE

[28] The children are naturally equal to the streams of living water from the loins of the body. In addition, the "body" or the "loins" in this text, as a material image, signify charity itself, and the whole text is in the revealed state: "He who embraces Me in his heart, his activity will be profitable to eternal life!" (Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 34) xvi

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xvii **JERUSALEM** (Isaiah 3) means THE JEWS (until Lord's time) and **JUDAH** mean the CHRISTIANS (until Lord's Second Coming). **BREAD** means LOVE and MERCY, **WATER** means the WISDOM FROM GOD

[2] The first verse of the prophet has a deep meaning and goes like this: *'Look, the Lord, Lord Zebaoth will take away out of Jerusalem all kinds of provisions, and also out of the whole of Judah the total provision of bread and the whole provision of water'*. (Isaiah 3:1).

[3] Here, by Jerusalem must be understood **the present-day Jewry, just as it is now and already has been for a long time**. By Judah must be understood **the future generations that then, by accepting My teaching, will be counted to the tribe of Judah**. Because of their laziness they will undergo the same fate in a much greater measure as now the Jews in a smaller measure.

[4] By the taking away of the provision of bread you must understand the **taking away of love and mercy**, and by the taking away of the provision of water, the **taking away of the true wisdom out of God**. And the result thereof will be that all of them will come on a wrong track, and their soul will be in darkness, and nobody will be able to give counsel to another. And even if somebody would give counsel to another, then the one who needed counsel and light will still not trust him and say: 'What are you talking to me about the light while you yourself are in the same darkness as I am.' (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 17, chap. 94) xvii

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xviii **THE BREAD** is the LORD or HIS LOVE; **THE MEAL OF THE LORD** IS HIS WISDOM CONVEYED IN HIS TEACHING. **THE MEAT** is THE DEEPEST DIVINE WISDOM. **HONEY AND MILK** signify THE GOODNESS OF LOVE AND WISDOM FROM GOD. **MOAB** is JERUSALEM (THE TEMPLE) AND ITS EVIL WAYS. **THE HIGH FORTIFIED WALLS** mean SELF-LOVE AND ARROGANCE. **BRINGING TO THE VERY DUST** signifies THE GREATEST HUMILIATION (Isaiah 25:6-12)

[18] So also my true worshipers and lovers know that **I am the true Bread of eternal life**, and **this bread is My love; They enjoy it to the fullest and thereby feed themselves on a life that will never be taken away from them**. (Explanation of the Scriptures, chap.14)

[11] But you know it, and here on this spot it is coming into fulfillment what the prophet Isaiah prophesied: ‘On this mountain the Lord Zebaoth will provide for all peoples **a feast of rich food and pure wines, of fat, of marrow, rich food and wine without yeasts.**

(On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines - NIV).

And on this mountain he will remove the veil that covers all peoples, the blanket that covers all heathens; *(On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations);* **He will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; The dishonor of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has said so.**

(He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The Lord has spoken).

On that day and on this mountain the peoples will exclaim “Behold this is our God, for whom we are waiting; and He alone will help us all. Yes here truly is the Lord for whom we are waiting so that we rejoice and be happy in His salvation! The hand of the Lord rests on this mountain!”

(In that day they will say: “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation”).

[12] But **Moab (Jerusalem and its evil ways)** will be trodden down as straw is trodden down in the dung. *(But Moab will be trampled under him as straw is trampled down in the manure).*

He will stretch forth his hands among them as a swimmer extends his hands to swim. He will bring low their pomp as **his hands (angels)** sweep over them.

(They will spread out their hands in it, as a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim. God will bring down their pride despite the cleverness of their hands).

The high-walled fortress (self-love and arrogance) He will bend, and strike it down level with the earth, into **the very dust (greatest humiliation)**. (Is. 25: 6-12). *(He will bring down your high fortified walls and lay them low; he will bring them down to the ground, to the very dust).’*

[13] Behold, what Isaiah prophesied on this spot, on this mountain at the sea, when he came to Galilee that is now coming true before your very eyes! Count all the nations that are represented here, and the thick veil will be taken from everyone’s eyes, and to everyone a purest wine without yeast will be given, and whoever drinks it and takes up its spirit into his soul, will have taken eternal life into himself, and will be the same for everyone that is here and that enjoys My word as the purest wine from heaven, and who will get to drink it in the future and will consume it like you in great mouthfuls, their death will also be consumed by Me and they will never more feel or taste death!

[14] Yes, this **wisdom is a fat meal, that I have prepared in your nation here on Earth** – yes, you are fed and satisfied here with **the meat of deepest wisdom and eternal truth.**

[15] But now go over there if there is no lack of **just and great provision**, to the whole world to the lost brothers and sisters and to all the widows and orphans and dry their tears from their faces, and give them richly to drink from this purest wine that I have given you to drink here in abundance!

[16] But the time when you should do such a thing will be shown to you all through My spirit in you. If you then act in My name truly and faithfully, My spirit, My being, will always and eternally be with you all.

[17] From now on you will not have to think what you should say in My name; for at the right time it will be laid in your heart and in your mouth.

[18] **The spirit of this wine, which I gave you to drink, will never volatilize from your souls; for it is called eternal truth.** Therefore falsehood will never be able to seize a place within you, for in this wine lies eternal truth. The falsehood is death, ruin and an eternal judgment; but the truth itself is life, and I am this Myself in you, and I am in all eternity the truth, the light, the path and the life itself!

[19] Whoever therefore has Me in their heart, has everything; for apart from Me there is eternally no other truth or life! Tell Me now, Murel, above all, if this is all plausible and clear to you!”
(GGJ book 8, chap. 11)

(*The Lord to the readers:*) 2. And **My bread is spread with the honey of My love and soaked in the milk of the forever tree life out of Me.** You could eat it with the greatest enjoyment and it would never harm you, but instead strengthen you and endow you with all the might and power out of Me for all eternity and already temporally, if you would only accept it. Behold, soon after My greatest act, which is the great work of salvation for you, the price for this My bread was still very high and people could buy it only in small quantities and that only through the sacrifice of their blood and physical life for Me. **At that time this My bread tasted bitter in the mouths of the buyers and was not yet spread with the honey of love and soaked in the milk of free life already temporally**, but both, the honey and the milk were given the grieving buyers in the right measure only in the realm of spirits. Nevertheless there were buyers in great numbers.

3. But now when I give it freely with honey and milk to everyone who wants it for the only very small reward of your love, now it is bitterly scorned and the great and kind Giver, who is surely and truly full of the greatest love for you, is rejected. (Household of God Book 1, Chap. 12)

[2] I said: “You are right about that, friend and brother Lazarus. **All that which is good and true has its complete correspondence in bread and wine.** Therefore, you can be assured that after Me when you moderately will be using bread and wine in remembrance of Me, that I will be in the spirit, as now in the body, personally among you My children, brothers and friends until the end of all times of this Earth. (GGJ Book 18, chap. 88) **xviii**

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xix **THE BREAD OR THE FLESH AND THE WINE OR THE BLOOD** are THE LORD’S TEACHING and THE ACTIVE LOVE-FAITH BASED ON THEM (THE ACTIVITY ACCORDING TO THE TEACHING) or THE WISDOM OF GOD and THE HOLY SPIRIT (WILL/ POWER) OF GOD (see also [Holy Spirit](#))

[21] Now I once more gave briefly My whole teaching to My disciples as you can read it precisely in John 14 and 17 with all the speeches and replies of the disciples, and the objections of Peter and Phillip and the replies to these.

[22] With all these discussions it already became late, and **now I took the bread again of which I had prepared the first pieces, and said to the eleven: “Let each one of you still take a piece**

that I prepare here. This is My body, the incarnated Word that has to become alive in you. Take also this cup, drink from it all of you, it is My blood that will be poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins. He who will not eat My flesh and drink My blood will never become blessed. You know now how you should understand this and you will no more be offended at these words¹. Eat and drink, and whenever you will do this, do it in remembrance of Me. Where two will do this in remembrance of Me and will come together in My name, I also will be amongst them.”

[23] The disciples did now as I told them. Then we left the house after I also had thanked our host who lovingly said goodbye. (GGJ Book 25, chap.95)

[11] Only when man begins to believe without doubting, and makes his faith alive by acting according to the teaching, the Kingdom of God develops itself in man, as the life in a plant develops itself unmistakably in spring from the inside when the plant is shone by the light of the sun, warms up and is by that urged to inner activity.

[12] **Although all the life is stimulated and awakened from the outside, the originating, the development, the unfolding, forming and strengthening comes always from the inside.**

[13] So also, animals and men must first absorb their food in them from the outside, but this absorbing of food and drink is still by far not the real feeding of the body, but this happens only after, from the stomach to all the parts of the body. **As the stomach is in a way the life-feeding heart of the body, so is also the heart of man the feeding stomach of the soul for the awakening of the Spirit from God in himself, and My teaching is the true food of life and the true drink of life for the stomach of the soul.**

[14] So in what I am teaching men **I am a true nourishing bread from the Heavens, and acting according to that teaching is a true drink of life, a very good and strong wine that by its spirit awakens the whole man to life and enlightens him throughout by the illuminating blazing flame of the fire of life. Whoever will eat that bread and will drink that wine, will no more see, feel or taste death in eternity.**

[15] If you have understood this now, then act also accordingly, then My words will become full, living truth in you.” (GGJ Book 21, chap. 40)

41. EXPLANATION OF THE LORD ABOUT ‘EATING HIS FLESH AND DRINKING HIS BLOOD’

NOW **the disciples** said: “Lord and Master, this lesson that You gave us can be well understood, but once in Capernaum where so many people from all regions around Jerusalem followed You and when You gave a similar instruction about eating Your flesh and drinking Your blood, it was clearly a hard teaching, namely for those people who did not understand Your simple, clear word as it should be understood according to its true meaning, and that is why many disciples of that time left You. We ourselves did not understand it at first, but the innkeeper, who has never been a disciple of You, gave us its interpretation. And if we now compare that teaching with this one it means the same as what You have now very understandably and very clearly explained to us. Are we right or not?”

[2] I said: “Indeed, because bread and flesh are one and the same, as well as wine and blood, and whoever will in My word eat the bread of the Heavens and will drink the wine of life by acting according to that word, thus by doing the works of the true, most unselfish love for God and his fellowman, will also eat My flesh and drink My blood, for as the physical bread that is eaten by men is changed in man into flesh and the wine that is drank changed into blood, so will also in the soul of man the bread of My word be changed into flesh and the wine of the active love be changed into blood.

[3] But when I say: ‘Whoever will eat My flesh’, then by that is also indicated that he has not only taken My word into his memory and into his brains, but at the same time also into his heart, which is – as I already said – the stomach of the soul, and he also did the same with the wine of the active love, which is by that no more wine but already the blood of life, because the memory and the reason of man are in relation to the heart, just like the mouth is in relation to the physical stomach. As long as the physical bread is still between the teeth in the mouth it is still no flesh but bread, but when it is chewed and comes into the stomach and is there mixed with the stomach juices, then it is, what concerns its fine feeding particles, already flesh, because it corresponds to the flesh. So also with the wine or with water, which certainly contains also wine substances, because without water, which is carried by the Earth to feed all plants and animals, the grapevine would die. As long as the wine is kept into the mouth it will not change into blood. However, in the stomach it very soon will be changed into it.

[4] So whoever hears My word and keeps it into his memory, keeps the bread in the mouth of the soul. When he seriously begins to think about it with his reason, he chews the bread with the teeth of the soul, because the reason is for the soul what the teeth in the mouth are for the physical man.

[5] When My bread, thus My teaching, is chewed by the reason, or has been understood and accepted as the full truth, it also has to be accepted in the heart by the love for the truth, and by the firm will it has to be changed into deeds. When this happens, then the word is changed into flesh and by the serious decisive will into blood of the soul, which is My Spirit in him, without which the soul would be as dead as a body without blood.

[6] The serious decisive will corresponds to a good digestive capability of the physical stomach by which the whole body is kept healthy and strong. When the digestive power of the stomach is weak, then the whole body is already sick and weak and will even become sick from the best and purest food.

[7] It is the same for the soul in whose heart the will to transform the teaching into deeds has become weakened. He does not achieve the full, healthy, spiritual power, is divided, falls easily into all kinds of doubts and objections, and tastes one time this and then again another kind of food to see if perhaps that one may have a better and more strengthening effect. But with that the soul, who once has become somewhat sick, is still not completely helped. ‘Yes’, you ask yourselves, ‘can a sick soul then not be helped at all?’ O yes, I say. But how?” (GGJ Book 21, chap. 41)

42. THE MEANING OF ACTING ACCORDING TO GOD’S WORD

[1] LISTEN, when someone has a weak stomach, he once takes a drink of herbs that is well known to you, by which the badly digested foods are moved away from the stomach and the intestines

along the well-known natural way. Those badly digested foods can be compared with the objections that are absorbed in the soul, namely if he should believe this or that completely and should act accordingly.

[2] Once the physical weak stomach is cleansed, then what has to be done to make it strong again and that it should remain strong? **Such a person should become really active, and at the same time take good exercise in the fresh, pure air. By that, the stomach will in the first place regain its full and healthy strength. Look, this is what the soul should do also. He must cleanse his heart of all false doctrines, wrong notions and ideas. Then he should absorb the truth as I am teaching you, with love, willfully and in full faith, and should be busy and active with it, then by that he will soon become much stronger and also become fully and permanently healthy.**

[3] Therefore, none of you should only be listeners, but should also seriously and zealously act according to My word. Then in a very short time all objections and doubts will have disappeared from his soul.

[4] **The physical stomach of the body, being in a healthy, strong condition, can take up all kinds of clean and if necessary also unclean food into itself without suffering damage, because through its activity it removes all that is unclean from itself or transforms it into something clean. And this is also what the strong and completely healthy stomach of the soul does. And thus for the pure everything is pure. And even the most impure spiritual stench of pestilence of Hell cannot cause any damage to him.**

[5] **When you will completely possess My Kingdom in yourselves, you will be able to walk over snakes and scorpions and drink poison from Hell without causing you the least of damage.**

[6] If you all have well understood this now and have grasped it, you will now also perceive according to the full living truth what I wanted you to understand in Capernaum with ‘eating My flesh’ and ‘drinking My blood’, and from now on you surely will not call it a hard teaching anymore. (GGJ Book 21, chap. 42) **xix**

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xx In Isaiah 3:6-21, **CLOTHES** mean WISDOM (TRUE FAITH, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE), **BREAD** means THE GOODNESS OF FAITH, **JUDAH** mean the later time people of God – CHRISTIANS, **THE EYES OF HIS MAJESTY** mean the LIGHT/ TEACHING OF HIS WISDOM, **THE ELDERS** of His people mean THE SCRIPTURES, **HIS PRINCES** mean LORD’S TRUE DISCIPLES (awakened for life), **THE DAUGHTERS OF ZION** mean THE FALSE TEACHINGS OF THE WHORE OF BABEL, **BALDNESS** means LACK OF REASON, **THE VARIOUS ORNAMENTS** are THE BLIND BELIEVERS AND FOLLOWERS AND THE SUPERSTITIONS AND CEREMONIES etc

[3] Listen. He says: ‘Then one brother will grab the other out of his brothers’ house and will say: ‘You have clothes (knowledge and experience), be you our ruler and help us during this downfall.’ (Isaiah 3:6). But then he will say and swear: ‘Listen, I am no doctor, and there is no bread (the goodness of faith) or clothing (true faith) in my house. Therefore, do not make me a ruler of the people.’ (Verse 7). Because **Jerusalem** is ripe and falls down, and **Judah** (the later time) is also fallen. Because their language and their deeds are against the Lord, because they oppose the eyes of His majesty (the light of His wisdom). (Verse 8). **That is visible and**

known to everybody. Their nature is not hidden because they are boasting about their sin, just like in Sodom and Gomorrah, and they are brutal and they do not even hide. Woe unto their souls! Because with that, they have thrown themselves completely into their ruin.’ (Verse 9).

[4] But the chosen Prince – who could also possibly be I Myself – says further: ‘Go and preach first to the righteous, so that they may become good, then they will eat the fruit of their works. (Verse 10). However, woe unto the lazy and ungodly, because they are wicked at all times, and unto them will be rewarded according to their works and as they have deserved it! (Verse 11). Listen, for this reason, children are the princes of My people, and even women are ruling over them. My people, your (wrong) comforters are misleading you (think about Rome) and are destroying the way that you have to go. (Verse 12).

[5] But the Lord stands there to pronounce justice and has now come up to judge the people. (Verse 13). And the Lord comes to administer justice with **the elders of His people (the Scriptures)** and with **His princes (those who, in the last time, have been awakened for life)**. For ***you*** (Pharisees and Romans) have destroyed the vineyard, and what has been robbed from the poor is in your house. (Verse 14).

[6] Why do you trample down My people, and why do you mistreat all those who are miserable? Thus speaks the Lord now with great seriousness. (Verse 15).

[7] And the Lord continues to speak: Because **the daughters of Zion** are proud (**the false teaching of the whore of Babel**) and walk with a stretched-out neck and a face with make-up, walking proudly (haughty), wag the tail (like a hungry dog), wearing at their feet expensive shoes (verse 16), the Lord will **shave the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion to baldness (take away the reasoning)**, and with that, He will take away **their only and best jewel**. (Verse 17)

[8] In that time the Lord will take away **the jewelry of their expensive shoes** (those who believe blindly), and the **ribbons** (faithful followers), and the **buckles** (the different assemblies) (verse 18), the **chains, the bracelets and the caps** (the superstitious craft-guilds) (verse 19), **the tinsels, the ornamental borders, all golden strings, musk, earrings** (verse 20), **rings and hair ribbons** (verse 21), **feast clothes, coats, veils and the (big) purses** (verse 22), **mirrors, capes, laces and the blouses** (all of the glittering ceremony of the whore of Babel). (Verse 23). Then **the sweet smell** will become **a stench**, **the good girdle** a **loose string**, **curled hair** (serpent-like cunning of the whore of Babel) a **baldhead**, and her **wide coat** will become a **narrow sack**. And all this will come instead of the presumed beauty.

[9] **Your mob will fall by the sword, and your warriors will fall in battle.** (Verse 25). And **her gates will weep and lament** (because nobody wants to go inside anymore), and she will sit pitifully upon the ground. (Verse 26). Then, in that time, **men will be so few that 7 women will take hold of 1 man** (or out of the 7 sacraments there will be only 1) and they will say: We will feed and clothe ourselves, but let us carry your name, so that our dishonor will be taken away from us.’ (Verse 27).

[10] And look, My friends. What the prophet has said, will certainly be fulfilled, as sure and true as I have told you now Myself. **Because the people cannot bear the truth for a longer time, become tired and always sink back again into their old judgment and death-bringing laziness. And then there is truly nothing else that can be done but, through the most extreme ways, awaken the people again and of old, bring them once more upon the ways and mountain paths of light and life.**

[11] Therefore, I am saying to you once more: **above all, warn the people against spiritual laziness, for with this will start all evil things of which the prophet has spoken, and I must unfortunately permit them.** (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 17, chap. 95) **xx**

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xxi **THE GENTLE BREEZE** passing the cave of Elijah (1 Kings 19:12 on) is PEOPLE's LOVE FOR GOD, **THE STORM** is THE WISDOM, **THE FLAMING SWORD** is THE LAW

(The Lord to His disciples:) The Prophet Elias described the present situation of mankind, when Jehovah comes to men directly in love, as a gentle rustling passing the cave, but Jehovah was not in the great storm and in the fire.

9. Thus the gently rustling is people's love for God and their brothers wherein Jehovah Himself is dwelling, whereas He does not dwell in the storm of wisdom and the flaming sword of the law." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 67) **xxi**

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xxii **THE SWORD OF THE LORD** (Matt 10:24) is HIS TEACHING embodying THE TRUTH AND LOVE OUT OF GOD

[5] However, all those who will remain with Me in faith and love shall be free from this judgment. **For I shall gird Myself with the sword on their behalf and lead them into battle; and every enemy will have to flee before My sword. The sword will be called 'Immanuel' (the Lord God is with us), and its edge will be the truth and its great weight the love out of God, the Father of His faithful children. Whoever wants to do battle, let him do it with the edge of truth out of God and with the weight of love out of the heart of the Father from eternity. Once he is equipped with this weapon, he will conquer every enemy of My name and, therefore, every enemy of life and truth."** (GGJ Book 12, chap. 2) **xxii**

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xxiii In Psalm 8, **THE MAN** represents HUMANITY, **THE CHILD** represents ITS WEAKNESS AND BLINDNESS, **THE YOUNG CHILDREN AND INFANTS** represent THE GENTILES. **DAVID** REFERS to the BETTER JEWISH PEOPLE. **HEAVEN** means THE TEACHING, **FINGERS** mean THAT WHICH

IS BODILY TO THE LORD, **THE MOON** means THE LOVE OF THE LORD FOR MEN, **THE STARS** mean the ENDLESS MANY TRUTHS THAT COME FROM LOVE. **HE THAT IS FORSAKEN BUT THEN CROWNED BY THE LORD** represent THE STILL BLIND CHRISTIAN PEOPLE. **THE VARIOUS ANIMALS** represents ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE TOGETHER

[5] In this hall there was a big marble plate in the southern wall on which there was written, with indelible paint the still very good readable psalm of David, translated from Hebrew, which sounds as follows (psalm 8): *‘Lord, our Sovereign, how lovely is Your name in all countries where they thank You like in Heaven. From the mouth of young children and infants (the gentiles) You have prepared for Yourself a power because of Your enemies (the Pharisees and scribes), to destroy this enemy, this revengeful one. For I (David or the better Jewish people) will see Heaven, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You have prepared (‘Heaven’ means the teaching, ‘fingers’ that which is bodily to the Lord, ‘the moon’ the love of the Lord for men, and ‘the stars’ the endless many truths that come from love).*

[6] *What is man that You think about him, and the child of man that You care for him? (By ‘man’ is here to be understood the whole human race, and by ‘child’ their weakness and blindness). You will let him be forsaken by God for some time, but then You will crown him with honor and luster. (See the time of the Babylonian harlotry. By ‘him’ is to be understood the Christian people without the inner godly light). You will make him lord over the work of Your hands. You have placed everything under his feet (here by ‘him’ is to be understood the Lord from the point of view of the pure teaching from the Heavens that will finally radiate through everything and control everything). Sheep and oxen all together, also the wild animals, the birds in the sky and the fishes in the sea, and that which lives in the sea (thereby all men and races of the Earth are to be understood. High and low, young and old, educated and uneducated, strong and weak, will happily rejoice in the live-giving light from the Heavens). Lord, how glorious is now Your name in all countries.’*

[7] When I thus read to them the psalm on the marble plate, all of them were very glad, and the innkeeper asked Me if I would like to give them in short the explanation of this psalm, for he had the impression that a wise and prophetic meaning was hidden behind it.

[8] And I said to him: “You are right again, and I will also show you the hidden spirit of truth, but you will not understand it completely because David spoke and sang in it about the distant future.”

[9] Then I explained the hidden spirit of the psalm in the manner – only a bit more extensive – as it has now been put between brackets, briefly explained in a way that is easy to understand. The innkeeper was very satisfied and grateful with that, as well as all the others, for they noticed that it was completely according to what I had already predicted to them at other occasions in more understandable words about the destiny of My teaching and about the distant future.(GGJ Book 19, chap. 69) **xxiii**

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xxiv In Psalm 93, **THE ORNAMENTS OF THE KING** are LORD’S LOVE, WISDOM, MIGHT AND ALSO HOLINESS. **THE WAVES OF THE SEA/ THE WATERS** are THE FALSE TEACHINGS (coming from hypocrites and liars), **THE CHAIR** is a symbol of TRUTH AND LIFE and **THE LORD’S HOUSE** stands for HIS FAITHFUL PEOPLE (His true followers)

[11] And now let us see what David has written previously on the stone plate, which is fixed in the wall here before us.

[12] What is written there, sounds as follow: *‘The Lord is King and **richly adorned** (with love, wisdom and might). The Lord is adorned and has established a **Kingdom** (the Kingdom of God on Earth), as far as the world reaches, and arranged in such a way that it must remain forever. From that time **the chair** (of truth and life) stands firm. You, o Lord, are eternal. The **water streams** lift up themselves, the water streams lift up their roaring, the water streams lift up the waves. **The waves of the sea** are great and roar terribly, but the Lord on high is still greater. Your Word is a right teaching, and the holiness is the adornment of Your house forever.’*

[13] Look, this is how the very short but extremely meaningful psalm sounds with its rich content, which is spreading its hidden light now in this time, and is also already illuminating the future.

[14] **The chair of the eternal truth is now indeed established for the whole Earth and will also continue to exist, but the water streams of the hypocrites and liars, of the Pharisees and false prophets lift themselves also up and begin to roar more and more strong against the truth that came from the Heavens to the people of this Earth, and they lift up their waves of power against the light to extinguish it. Also the waves of the sea have become great and roar terribly.**

[15] This refers to the coming great battles between light and darkness, but the truth of the Lord stands above them and will finally conquer over everything that is false and evil. **The weapon will be the pure Word from God’s mouth, a right teaching of life which will remain forever, for as God is eternal and mighty, so also is His Word. And as the holiness is God’s light and adornment, so it is also of His Word and His teaching.**

[16] **But the house of God is not the dead temple in Jerusalem but the people who hear God’s Word, absorb it in themselves with joy and act accordingly.** Now I have read this psalm to you and have explained it, but it is now up to you to tell Me openly if you have also understood this psalm correctly.” (GGJ Book 19, chap. 70) **xxiv**

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xxv THE SLEEP OF THE (IMPERFECT) SOULS IN THE BEYOND (John 11:11 & other) is the TEMPORARY, DREAMLIKE, UNSTABLE INNER LIFE of them

How is that? If a human being in this world has done very little or often nothing towards the reviving and development of that which is hidden in the heart of the soul; if it employs all its faculties for the external intellect, using it to acquire all sorts of worldly treasures and thereby offering the best luxuries and tastiest morsels and the most pleasurable sensations. When such a soul arrives in the beyond, its divine light chamber is tightly closed and inaccessible. But when the person dies the light of reason, which is really only a combination of the earthly material photographs, which are visible to the soul in the many millions of facets of the brain tablets and from which the soul always, in the way of the silly astrologers, makes its calculations and in its superstition feels coerced to act accordingly, stays in the world, like the picture gallery of an art lover. As a consequence, such a soul must arrive as totally dark in the spirit world, only with the awareness or the manifestation of life and only remembering its earthly conditions and circumstances inasmuch as they are recorded in the brain chambers of the soul (which

correspond to the physical brain) in corresponding types, which the sensitive soul feels and becomes aware of, although it cannot clearly see them owing to its own darkness.

It is easy to understand and feel that such a condition only too soon becomes unbearable for a soul conditioned to all the pleasurable sensations of life. Soon such a soul is assailed by great fear and anxiety and, finally, by a great anger and rage, whereby a kind of glow develops in it.

For, wherever one sees a great activity in the material world, which is under judgment – such as the heavy gale, a strong ocean surf, a strong friction between two objects of a similar and dissimilar kind, a mighty pressure exerted by two hard objects on each other and so forth, he will, particularly at night, observe also the development of a fire or light, or at least of a glow. This is denoted by the scientists with the general, but not always appropriate, term **electricity**. **It is actually and in full truth nothing but an incitement of the nature spirits more or less firmly imprisoned in all matter.**

These can be all the more easily incited, the harder their imprisonment. If they are imprisoned less severely, as for instance in the air, in the water, in clay and in other liquid and soft bodies, it requires a relatively more vigorous movement, so that the nature spirits, which cannot dodge it so quickly, can be incited and through their fast movement within their light and very transparent envelopment become visible as a light or a glow.

Any keen observer can easily deduce and recognize from a thousand manifestations in nature that the incitement of the nature spirits consists in vibration. Whenever some human being or an animal is very upset in his nature, a trembling is noticeable in him which stems only from the incitement of the nature spirits imprisoned in the flesh and blood. A chord on a musical instrument vibrates when it is moved or struck because the spirits imprisoned in the matter of the chord are incited by the blow. **The flame of every light is nothing but an act of liberation of the nature spirits imprisoned in matter and consists in increasingly more visible vibration, brought about by the activity of the nature spirits liberating themselves.** There are thousands and thousands of manifestations where the same process can be observed.

It has been said that the soul by losing its worldly light and all pleasures stemming from it passes first into a great fear and anxiety and, finally, into a great anger and rage, whereby a kind of glow is engendered in it. This glow develops in the nature of the soul in the same manner as in the world of nature.

The first incitement of the innumerable spiritual soul specifics present in every soul is **fear**. As all specifics pass into an ever-increasing vibration, the space allotted to them in their form soon becomes inadequate. Since the outer form within which all the innumerable specifics are united to one life soon becomes too tight, for it cannot and must not be so readily enlarged, the natural consequence is an ever increasing pressure in all directions, engendering in the concrete or rather individual life a feeling of fear.

If the urging and pushing increases and lasts for some time, a spiritual fermentation called **anger** develops. As already in nature the result of an increasing fermentation is a full inflammation, the end result of the great fermentation of the soul specifics is a full inflammation, and this is called **rage**. Such rage is then the cause of the glow which, if it increases, finally turns into a full conflagration, which as the worst manifestation of life is called rage and is actually called, and is, **hell**. Now if a departed soul thus begins to glow, it begins to dimly recognize the spiritual stigmata (imprints) present in its brain and soon realizes that there is much evil and little that is good in its nature. In this dusk it often confuses the gnat with an elephant and conversely the elephant with a gnat. Such contemplations then give rise to all sorts of airy and transparent, one

might say formless, forms, like the castles in the air of a young man in love in the world, which with a vivid imagination not seldom suddenly materialize, only to again disappear into nothing with the next excitement.

Since the soul is unable in this way to achieve anything of a lasting reality, being more incited and angered by the momentary fleeting pictures, which are more caricatures than well-ordered pictures, so that even its innermost begins to be affected, this inner nature develops an activity which is, however, of quite a different nature.

Through this activity (of its primordial spirit out of God) the erratic activity of the soul is calmed down, so that in the end the soul enters as it were into a sleep state, thus reposing, and in this repose, more united with its primordial spirit out of Me, it enters into a dreamlike state where it remains, feeling quite comfortable in it, a condition which the ancient soul-and-life philosophers used to call the soul sleep. The primordial spirit, which is now active contrary to the soul's desires, then creates more and more of such pictures, which on the one hand always contain what the selfish tyrannical and pleasure-seeking soul enjoys. But as soon as it tries to avidly grasp it in its dream, which it takes for reality of course, it either dissolves or flees. On the other hand, the soul is also given what is good for it, and if it seizes it and uses it for its true best, it lasts, and thus out of the dream a firm and permanent world (for the soul) begins to develop. (*Deathbed Scenes/ Beyond the threshold – Annex: Reunion in the beyond*) xxv

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xxvi **SLAYING** (Joshua 8:24 & OTHER – Old and New Testament) means JUDGING

{24:51} And shall cut him asunder, and appoint [him] his portion with the hypocrites: (Matt 24:51)

"But those My enemies, who did not want to have me king over them, bring forth, and slay them before Me!" (Luke 19:27)

[1] "But those My enemies, who did not want me to be King, bring forth, and slay them before Me!"

[2] This text is almost too easy to give a long explanation for, and it is also one of those about which the disciples did not ask, "How shall we understand that?" For even the blind Pharisees understood this text, and they knew that I meant them among the citizens of the city to be slayed.

[3] But that would certainly be a narrow sense; Nevertheless, the general is by no means difficult to recognize - one only needs to know that slaying means "to judge", so then one already has the whole thing! (Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 26) xxvi

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xxvii **KILLING** (in the 6TH Commandment: Exod 20:13, Deut 5:17) means HAVING JEALOUSY, ENVY, RAGE, HATE OR DESIRE TO REVENGE TOWARD ANOTHER

11] You shall not kill! This is absolutely correct and true stated in the law. But why? Because since primeval times under 'kill' is understood **jealousy, enviousness, rage, hatred and revenge**.

12] 'You shall not kill!' therefore means: **You should not envy anybody, you should not look at the more fortunate with askance eyes and you should not burn with anger against your fellow man; since anger breeds hate, and from hate arises the evil revenge destroying everything!**

13] It also is written: "*Mine is the anger and Mine is the revenge, says the Lord.*"

14] But you people should respect each other in all love, and one should do good to the other; since you all have in Me one Father and are therefore equal before Me! You should not annoy and curse each other and the one should not through bad lies cut off the honor of the other; since who does that, kills the soul of his fellow man!

15] And see, all that is in shortly expressed with 'You shall not kill!' And the first Jews, also during the times of Solomon, did not understand this law any other way, and the Samaritans as the old Jews, still understand it today in the same manner. If this law from its foundation is understood only like this, - how can anyone assume that through this law man is forbidden to defend himself against evil people and even savage animals?" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 7, chap 31) **xxvii**

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xxviii **MOTHER AND FATHER** in the 4th Commandment represent not only THE NATURAL PARENTS, but also THE EARTH AND ITS PROCREATIVE FORCE

[7] **To the same extent the nature of this Earth is a true mother's breast for man, if they do not distance themselves from it through all sorts of unnecessary softeners. But once the people have distanced themselves from this great mother's breast and isolated themselves from her strong influence, then if they ever have to come to a breast that is rich in milk, they act in the same way as a grown man if he has to drink the milk from a mother. He is so disgusted he could throw up. What strengthened him as a child and fed him in the best way makes him sick and nauseous as an adult who has long grown away from his mother's breast.**

[8] Now, man cannot always drink on his mother's breast to get strength and life for his muscles; but he should never distance himself too much from the breast of Mother Earth if he wants to become healthy, strong and old in the body.

[9] Moses said: "**Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long and healthy on the Earth! With this Moses not only described the biological father and mother, but just as well the Earth and its constant life-giving power.** Man should not turn his back on this, but instead keep it in high respect, and he will receive every blessing for that which Moses physically prophesied. The respect for the physical father and mother is good and necessary

when the circumstances are according and seemly; but if what Moses prophesied is the word of God, then it must also have a general and uninterrupted effect like the sunlight!

[10] But if Moses' prophecy is only limited to the fact that only those who respect their parents have to maintain a long life and health on the Earth, then things obviously look very bad for those who have often lost this in the cradle and were then brought up by strangers! How should they respect their true parents whom they have never known?!

[11] Many children are often found on paths and streets; cruel mothers have conceived them in their lust and thrown them out somewhere soon after their birth. Such foundlings are often taken in by some warm-hearted and compassionate person and looked after; they then owe all their love and respect to these people. Moses says nothing about such adoptive parents, instead only about really true parents!

[12] But now the well-brought up foundling cannot possibly honor his true parents, because he firstly does not know them at all, and even if he did, he would secondly truly have no obligation before God or before all people to respect them, who conceived him through sinful lust and who, when he was born, immediately gave him over to death. But because such a person then according to Moses cannot possibly love and respect his true parents, would he then have no claim on Moses' prophecy? Oh, would this then be very pretty indeed and would it be terrible as the word of God!

[13] And then there are parents who bring their children up in all things that can only be called bad. Already in the cradle they plant a genuine satanic arrogance in them and teach them to be hard and insensitive to everyone; such tiger parents teach their children at an early age to be cheeky, liars and deceivers! Should Moses really have meant his commandment for such children who respect their vicious parents with all badness and evil because the parents want this from their children?

[14] What do the children of thieves, robbers and murderers really owe their parents? They can only naturally honor their parents if they are the same as their parents to a very great degree and do what their parents always do, like: through theft, robbery and murder of foreign travelers! Can Moses' prophecy really apply effectively to such children as well?

[15] The only somewhat clear world reason must tell you that such a prophecy along with the Law of Moses would be a scandal of the first category for all divine wisdom! How can God, the highly wise, give a law as a consequence of which even an angel in a fleshly body would have to owe love and all honor to **parents who incarnated from the lowest hell?!**

[16] You see that Moses' Law, seen from this point of view, would be the greatest and craziest nonsense!

[17] So on the one hand it is clear and proven that everything that Moses said and decided is the pure word of God and therefore can eternally hide no nonsense in itself; but on the other hand, if one examines and observes Moses' Law in the old familiar and foolish way, as it has been examined and observed so far, it must be the most obvious nonsense before the judge's seat of all better human reason!

[18] Wherein lies the reason then that the Law of Moses, as it has been observed so far, must be nonsense despite the purely divine origin? It lies in the powerful misunderstanding of what Moses showed mainly with this Law, **the general parents of the great nature, namely the Earth, as the created world for the human race as father, and its lap, from which countless children of all types and sort are born, as the true mother!** These original parents should constantly be honored and obeyed by man, and his back should never be turned to them in

an effeminate way. Only then he will receive a long life in a healthy body and also a true well-being.

[19] A diligent person can also learn from these old parents the most goodness, greatness and truth, and build a great ladder on which the original father Jacob saw the angels of heaven climbing up and down. Whoever seriously researches nature will force many blessings to come into the light for himself and for his brothers for their well-being. (GGJ Book 7, chap. 97-99) xxviii

Note: See more about the Earth as a man and a woman in 'Earth and Moon' through Jakob Lorber, chap. 13

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xxix **CLOTHES/ GARMENTS** (Rev 3:4 & other) represents WISDOM in active use; **WHITE CLOTHES** represent INNOCENCE. **THE CITY OF GOD** signifies THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD, OR TRUE ETERNAL LIFE

[7] Now the mare is with the Lord; and the disciples cover her with their clothes. This signifies how true humility and fruitful love, as soon as she has come to the Lord, is immediately clothed in true wisdom. **Because clothes denote the wisdom in active use. The simpler they are, the higher the degree of wisdom from the Lord they signify; because the pure love and humility is naked.**

[8] If there would be very excellent and magnificent garments over it, it would signify how wisdom is greater and stronger than love, and therefore also the angelic spirits in the wisdom heaven are clothed with exceedingly great splendor; but the angelic spirits of the highest heaven, who are pure in their love for the Lord, appear very poorly clothed, and sometimes quite naked, especially when their love for the Lord has attained the highest possible degree.

[9] Here, too, the meager clothes of the disciples with which the donkey was covered designate the pure divine wisdom, and **if such fertile love is clothed with such pure Divine wisdom out of her humility, then she is perfectly fit to receive the Lord and and then she is completely one with the Lord.**

[10] Such fruitful love, clothed with wisdom, bears the Lord; but the Lord directs Himself so that it can never possibly make any misstep, and the ride then goes straight to **the city of God**, which signifies **the eternal kingdom of God, or true eternal life!** - Here is the picture and its meaning. (Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 15)

These happy conditions are intimated by the **long, festive white robes**, corresponding to **innocence**; and the ones thus marked will receive the reward for all their sufferings and the distress which they have endured on account of Me and in the name of My religion. xxix

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xxx THE KINGDOM OF GOD is THE TRUE KINGDOM OF LIFE AND SPIRIT AND IS ALSO IN THE INNER MAN. IT IS, IN FACT, THE LORD HIMSELF

[9] Of what the Kingdom of God consists, and the only way on which it can manifest itself in man himself, and where it happens, I have just told the Pharisees in your presence. So you surely will realize and understand that you should not believe those who shout: ‘Look here!’, ‘Look there!’ **For as the spirit is inside man, and all the life, thinking, feeling, knowing and wanting originally comes from it and penetrates all fibers, in the same way is also the Kingdom of God, which is the true kingdom of life of the spirit, only inside man and not in one or the other manner outwardly or outside of man.**

[10] Whoever will accept it in him in this manner and will understand it according to the full, living truth, can never in eternity be misled by a false prophet. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, chap. 39)

[14] **The true and living Kingdom of God however, does not come in and does not consist of outward appearance, but it is in the deepest of man, because if man does not have it in himself, it does eternally not exist anywhere else in the whole of infinity.**

[15] **And the Kingdom of God in man consists of this: that he keeps the commandments of God and that from now on he believes in Him who was sent to you in Me.**

[16] In truth, I say to you: he who believes in Me and acts according to My word, has eternal life in him, and together with that he will also have the Kingdom of God. For I Myself am the Truth, the Light, the Way and eternal Life.

[17] The one who will either hear it from My mouth or from the mouth of those whom I am already sending out now as My real and true witnesses – and that I will send out even more in the future – and will not believe that this is so and cannot ever be otherwise, will not enter the Kingdom of God, but will remain in the night of his own worldly judgment. This I have said to you now. Blessed is the one who will take it to heart.” (GGJ Book 17, chap. 14)

[4] I said: “Then stay where the Kingdom of God and its eternal spiritual life rule, for **I Myself am the Truth, the Kingdom of God, the Revelation and the eternal Life. Whoever believes in Me will receive the eternal life when I will wake him up on the youngest day. I will also stay in the one who will stay in Me in faith and in love, and in whom I stay has already the eternal life in him and will never see, feel nor taste death. So stay here with Me, and by your love, in Me.**” [...] (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 22, chap. 91) **xxx**

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xxxi THE DOMINION PROMISED TO DAVID AND HIS DESCENDANTS (2 Sam 7:16) is THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

“What then is to become of **the everlasting dominion of David's descendants** as promised by the prophets and which the Messiah is to re-establish?!”

5. Say I, **'He shall indeed found a new, everlasting kingdom for the true children and descendants of David, and therewith for all men of the earth; but not on this earth but above it - in heaven! Whoever interprets the prophets otherwise shall walk in darkness'.**" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 85) xxxii

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xxxiii **LEPROSY** (Lev 13) in a spiritual sense means **DEPRAVITY OF THE SOUL TO HER INNERMOST CORE**

Actually, what kind of a disease is leprosy? What is its cause, and how can it be cured? Before we can clearly understand the spiritual correspondence, we must first answer these questions. Leprosy is caused when - be it through debauchery, through unnatural eating and drinking or through uncleanness - a person has absorbed into his organism so many foreign and poisonous substances that the entire human clock movement cannot go on working. In order to restore the normal and natural action and administration in all parts of the body, human nature projects all the foreign substances and poisons, which have been taken in for years, onto its largest and very important organ, the skin, which provides the most extended contact with the external world, thereby not only ridding itself of its foreign and troublesome burden but also, with the help of this poisonous irritant, stimulate the skin to support the whole organism with increased activity, thus helping to restore its former health.

Naturally, this disease can best be healed in the same way as it arose, that is, it came from the inside to the outside, and the healing must be effected in this way, too. The spoilt blood, which has deposited its bad substances in the skin, must be replaced with new and healthy blood. Of course, externally the wounds must also be kept clean, so that all can be removed that is decayed and no longer of any use to the body and the way cleared for the poisons, which may still have to be eliminated.

Thus healing can take place when, by observing a natural way of living, the body can renew itself and ensure full strength for its organism and a long, healthy life for the respective person.

Here you have a short outline of the nature of leprosy as a physical disease. Now let us look at it in its spiritual correspondence to enable you there, too, to recognize the characteristics of the disease and its remedies. Here the miracle worker, however, who can heal this disease through mere touch or a word, cannot be counted on, for **every leper in the spiritual sense must heal himself.** Behold, the greater part of mankind, is 'leprous', i.e., full of poisonous boils. But because the majority of people are leprous, this is not considered offensive. The few who have been cleansed do not withdraw from those who suffer from this disease but tend them with the love and patience of Christian faith in order to help the sick, if they themselves are too weak to regain their lost moral health, by advising and supporting them.

Leprosy is a disease which no one can hide; it openly reveals itself on the human body. In the spiritual sense this means that all the bad points, all the evil passions and habits, which are the result of bad notions and neglected upbringing, are displayed openly. **If, spiritually, a soul is so depraved in its innermost being that it has almost lost its spiritual value altogether, then the spirit, the divine spark placed in it by Me, drives it to a point where it is no longer**

ashamed to reveal its soiled inside to the outer world for everyone to see. Through this process the soul is, as it were, forced to reveal its conscience to the people around it and because of its way of living and thinking, brought about by absorbing false principles, it will give offence to the world, provoke bitter experiences and finally realize that only better and higher moral aspirations and actions will lead to true peace.

To speed up the healing of these spiritual lepers, I allow events to take place in the world thanks to which the process of elimination takes less time and more powerful and spiritual elements can penetrate the inner life of the soul for the purpose of healing. Just as the physical healing must come from within, also the restoration of spiritual health must set out from within. When what is bad has become public, has in the association with others been broken up and absorbed by the outer world, the vacuum inside is again filled up by moral-spiritual remedies, and thus such a person is brought back to his normal state, as image of his Creator, and has been reclaimed for the realm of spirits. As physical leprosy is contagious for those who come into contact with it, so is spiritual leprosy, because through its evil principles it leads also others to wrong actions. And thus, by one catching the disease from the other, this world became as immoral as you see it now. What I did then, that I healed a leper by touching him because his spiritual inside did not correspond to his skin, is now not possible in the spiritual sense. My touching often consists in bringing about conditions where a person will be relieved more quickly and forcibly of the impurities attached to him; but to make him suddenly spiritually clean would amount to interference with the dignity of human freedom. If I were to turn devils suddenly into angels, and this transformation took place without their own effort and self-abnegation, where would be their merit? (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 9) xxxii

xxxiii SACK AND ASHES (2 Sam 3:31, Esther 4:1 & other) mean the OUTER HUMILITY and THE INNER HUMILITY of the soul

What kind of sanctification can a sack and ashes offer man for his soul? A sack and ashes were instituted by the elders as symbolic images under which the right penance has to be understood, because **the sack stands for the outer humility and the ashes for the true inner humility of the soul**. But only the carrying of a sack and the strewing of ashes on the head has given man quite as less sanctification as fasting and castigating (GGJ Book 18, chap. 90) xxxiii

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xxxiv THE FISH is a symbol for the PEOPLE CONVERTED THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD

8 (Bishop Martin, in the afterlife:)[...] The chalice represents the vessel of the Lord's grace and mercy, into which these ladies have now been admitted. And the water in the vessel is living water that will cleanse these ladies who are still in the shape of fish, and give them back their

human form. The expanding of the chalice denotes the growing of the Lord's grace and mercy. **The fish shape** seems to represent the shape of the free, humble penitent and, generally, of all human beings who, of their own free will, are being caught for the Kingdom of God through the Word of God or, rather, are willing to be caught. That is why the Lord Himself called His apostles 'fishermen of men.'

9 And, as concerns the rotten fish thrown back into the sea, the Lord Himself has given a picture of this event in the Gospel, the truest good tidings from heaven. That the fishes in the chalice – at least for the time being - are better off than those in the sea, is obvious. What do you think, dearest brother? Is my interpretation correct?"

10 (Borem): "All our love to the Lord, our God! Rejoice, brother, for the Lord has redeemed your spirit! This was not comprehended by your soul, but solely by your spirit which the Lord has now fully awakened in you. (Sunsets to Sunrises, chap. 83) **xxxiv**

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xxxv **THE TREE OF LIFE** is HUMILITY – LOVE – TRUTH (or TRUTH GROWING OUT OF LOVE, WHICH GROWS OUT OF HUMILITY) or THE LIVING, ACTIVE FAITH; **THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE** is NATURAL REASON (Gen 2:9)

12.16 But as love is the fruit of humility, so is Eternal Truth, or the Light of all Light, a Fruit of Love, and as **Love grows out of Humility and Truth out of Love**, therefore, it is a true growth and a **true tree of Life** and a **true tree of all holy cognition of Life**, and everything belonging to it, temporally as well as eternally. (The Fly)

"[1] I SAID: "Firstly **the truth will remain one and the same truth, even without signs, and whoever will live and act accordingly will become deeply inside aware that My teaching is divine and not a human word.**

[2] Secondly, those who will transmit My teaching about the Kingdom of God in man to others and who will not only be teachers but who they themselves will also do My will that is clearly contained in My teaching, will also be capable to perform signs in My name, and even greater signs than I *am performing* Myself.

[3] **But as mere teachers and not as men who apply My teaching themselves, they will not be able to perform signs, because the power to perform signs does not come from the reason but from the living faith and the firm will to act. Because the reason of the brains is a dead worldly light of man that can never penetrate into the most inner regions of life of the spirit and its power. And the living faith in the heart is the true light of life of the soul that awakens the spirit in him and takes care that it will penetrate into the whole person. And once man is permeated of the Spirit, then he is also permeated of its all-capable power. And whatever the living Spirit wants, which forms then one being with the soul, happens, and the will is then already an accomplished work.**

[4] Therefore it is also stated in the Scripture that God put 2 trees in the garden of life: A **TREE OF LIFE** and A **TREE OF KNOWLEDGE**, and said to man: ‘If you will only eat the fruits of the tree of life, you will live, but if you also will eat the fruits of the tree of knowledge before it will be blessed by Me for you, then death will come over you and you will die.’

[5] But man – since he had a completely free will – let himself be seduced by the snake of his lust, and ate of the tree of knowledge even before it was blessed by the ripeness of the faith in the heart of man. That means: he searched and tried to grasp the Spirit of God, and so also the Spirit of life, with his natural reason. The result of it was that by that he only withdrew himself more and more from God instead of drawing more and more close to Him. And that was already death, that means the spiritual death of man, and the whole man became powerless and lost the authority over all things in the natural world and was forced to work for and to acquire his feeding bread with the help of the weak glowing of his brains’ reason in the sweat of his face, physically and even more so spiritually.

[6] And look, until now, men withdrew so far away from God, and thus also from the true inner life, that they now believe almost no more in a God, and thus also not in a continuance of life of the soul after the body has fallen away. And those who still believe mechanically in a God, or through a blind superstition in many gods – just like the heathens – imagine God or the gods to be so endlessly far away from them, that finally it seems impossible to them that a human being could ever come close to the God of whom they believe that He is so endlessly far away from him.

[7] And now that God Himself has physically come to men in all the fullness of His eternal might and power, and with all His love and wisdom, they do not see that, and in their great blindness and foolishness they consider this as impossible, while nevertheless **with God all things are possible**. And because He reveals Himself now with a physical mouth and not with lightning and thunder, they consider God Himself now as a blasphemer and a malicious agitator of the people against God and against the kings of the world who consider themselves to be gods and who also let themselves be honored as such by men.

[8] And look, all this is the result of the fact that all men preferred to eat the dead fruit of the tree of knowledge instead of the living and life-giving fruit of the tree of life.” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 21, chap. 51)

52. ‘ADAM, WHERE ARE YOU?’ – AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

[1] THE question that God asked Adam when he already ate of the forbidden fruit and that sounded like this: ‘Adam (or ‘man’), where are you?’ still continues and will still continue until the end of this world, as long as there are people who prefer to eat from the tree of knowledge instead of from the tree of life.

[2] Because the person who eats from the tree of knowledge will very soon lose God, himself and his inner life, and he does not know anymore who he is, why he exists and what he should be. Then his soul is full of fright and fear, and to his question: ‘Man, where are you?’ he seeks the answer that would give him rest and comfort in the reason of the brains of his body. But then always the comfortless answer comes: ‘You are in the judgment, which is the real death of the soul. Acquire your bread in the sweat of your face.’

[3] **What can the soul actually find in the brains? Nothing else except images of this world that are in the reason, and those images are all much further away from what is of the spirit and life than the soul himself. If the soul does not recognize the spirit of the life from God, which is always nearest to him, then how will he recognize in the brains of his physical head the spirit of the life from God, which is in the images of the world often endlessly much further away from him?**

[4] **Out of this complete error results inevitably and automatically the still greater error that the soul imagines the Being of God to be ever further away and unreachable, and this as long as he will totally get rid of it and after that will turn to Epicurism¹ or cynicism².**

[5] In this condition in which most of the priests of all kinds are now – and now especially the Pharisees, the elders and scribes – and the princes and kings, together with their great following, the soul does not know the truth anymore. The lie is worth as much to him and even more than the purest truth, as long as through that he can get some earthly advantage. If one or the other truth would hinder him, then he will become hostile against it and will run away from it or will persecute it with fire and sword.

[6] When the soul is in such condition, sin does no more exist for him, and a person who can possess some worldly power can do whatever pleases him and whatever will flatter his senses. And woe to the righteous one or someone who lives in the truth of life, who would go to such mighty one and would say to him: ‘Why are you an enemy of the truth and why do you commit the greatest injustice that is crying to Heaven among the people, who are on this Earth no less than you, blind fool?’

[7] Just look around you into the world now whether this is not the case everywhere. And what is the reason of that? I say to you: nothing else except the ever increasing eating from the tree of knowledge.

[8] I have come now Myself physically into this world to the people who turned too far away from the true goal of life, and ask them once again: ‘Adam, where are you?’ and no one knows what to answer Me as to where or who he is. And **I am showing them now again the tree of life and urge them to take from its fruits and to satiate themselves with them.**

[9] Truly I say to you: **whoever will eat from the tree of life will also come to the true life of the Spirit out of Me, and he will never again be hungry or desire to eat from the tree of death, because once someone is in the life of the Spirit out of Me, will also be in all its wisdom, and only then will the tree of knowledge be blessed through that, and the soul will know in one moment more than if he would investigate for 1,000 years with his outer and vain reason.**

[10] **When you will be in the condition of the true life, you will also perform signs in My name, and in this manner you will be able to give everyone a testimony of the truth of My teaching – if that will be necessary. (GGJ Book 21, chap. 52)**

[NS 69.9] Consider for instance **the tree of life or the written Word of the Old and the New Testament**: how many thousands of branches, twigs and roots you can see on it! Not one root, branch or twig resembles another. Outwardly everything seems to contradict itself. Dogmas about one and the same thing sound different. Prophecies about one and the same happening are described differently by different prophets. Even the four Gospels relate the same thing with different words, and differ even in various numerical facts. Even the places of some occurrences of text disagree, and even dates often vary. Whoever therefore wishes to get to the inner connection of all this from outer observation surely will lose his way and will hit the mark as little as someone drilling a tree from the outside and claiming: he will hit the core from a certain angle; but after checking the drill hole, finds he missed the core by several inches. If however he first splits the tree and then drills from the core outward, can he possibly miss the bark? Why not? Because everything converges in the core, but the core is not to be found on the outside. Someone could indeed, as you would say, with his drill hit the centre through "blind luck", but to what end? Will that enable him in future, to always hit the core or centre, with every tree he drills?

[NS 69.10] Behold, from that angle the outer, as it were anti-solar, intellectual wisdom does as much as nothing for him. This outer intellectual wise man shall constantly trudge about like a blind person, where everything shall be guesswork rather than an inner, convincing certainty. But he, who along the solar path, drills trees from the core outwards, can never miss the bark?

[NS 69.11] Behold, this is the right key, not only to throw light upon and open up true inner wisdom regarding the religion of the inhabitants of our seventh solar belt, but much more still, for your revealed religion and also in respect of **this present New Revelation**, to enable you through this very key or true inner wisdom, to drill to examine not only what is revealed, but also all things and manifestations of the true, inner and everywhere inwardly cohesive, never self-contradictory basis and main aspect of inner wisdom and hence from the centre of your love for Me.

(The Natural Sun, chap. 69) **xxxv**

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xxxvi **OXES AND ASSES** (Isaiah 32:20) mean the DILIGENCE TO DO GOOD AND TRUTH

[16] Because just as the prophet says at the end, so I also say unto you now: **blessed are ye that are to sow at the seashores, because you may indeed, for this soil, send your asses and oxen back and forth, i.e. your diligence for goodness and truth, for which I have called you. There you shall not come upon a foolish king, nor upon haughty women, but upon the poor, the sick, the possessed, the lame, deaf and blind. Naturally and even more so, in spirit. To these go forth, preaching to them the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, healing everyone who believes, not keeping My name secret to them.**' (GGJ Book 2, chap. 36-37) **xxxvi**

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xxxvii A JEW AFTER THE HEART (Rev 3:9, 1 Cor 10:18, Gal 6:16) is A TRUE FOLLOWER OF GOD

[15] Now what do You say about this? Are the transition ceremonies or that big amount of exemption money absolutely necessary **to become a good Jew in the heart**, in the will and in the mind, and is there no other way to become completely Jewish?" (GGJ Book 20, chap. 22)

[1] I SAID: "O surely. **He who knows the laws of Moses and lives and acts accordingly, who abstains truly and seriously from the worthless heathenish polytheism, and then to love only the one true God above all and his fellowman as oneself – as I already have shown you – is then completely Jewish and does not need anything else.**

[2] What matters the temple in Jerusalem or all those empty ceremonies which only before My coming had a preparatory symbolic meaning, but which are now hallow, senseless and without meaning.

[3] Instead of paying exemption money, think rather actively about the poor and make up for every injustice, then you will be in My eyes and in those of God more than complete Jews, and as such you will have a big part in My Kingdom.

[4] When I say this to you, then you can surely believe Me, for the God who first spoke to Moses on the Sinai, speaks now through Me to you. And if I now declare something as being correct and valid, then who will proof the contrary to you? Did you understand Me?"

(GGJ Book 20, chap. 23) **xxxvii**

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xxxviii THE EAST WIND (Isa 27:8, Hos 12:1) may represent THE GRACE OF THE LORD

*Note: Consider also 'sunrise' or 'east' as symbol for spiritual or the kingdom of God, and **wind** (from **whirlwind**) as symbol for active power.*

At this the Lord suddenly sent a strong **east wind** -

which very quickly pushed your ship away from your enemies, so they were wholly unable to reach it.

But since your enemies did not let you out of their sight but constantly followed you all the more fiercely, **the Lord's grace** over you then turned into a gale.

This gale drowned your enemies in the sea and put your ship at rest in the right place where you were fully rescued. - Cyrenius, now do you understand this, your sea voyage?"

(The Childhood of Jesus chap. 184, 18-20) **xxxviii**

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xxxix THE BAPTISM WITH FIRE (FROM HEAVEN) is THE COMPLETE TRANSITION OF SOUL AND SPIRIT IN THE LOVE FOR GOD OR THE LOVE IN GOD, PAVING THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH. THE GRACE OF GOD is A FREE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE IN THE HUMAN HEART, BY WHICH THE FATHER DRAWS THE SOUL TOWARDS THE SON (LOVE LEADING TO WISDOM) or THE

ESSENTIAL LIFE OF ALL CREATED BEINGS. **THE GLORY OF GOD** IS THE PRIMORDIAL LIGHT/
WISDOM IN GOD

15. The 'baptism from the heavens' is the complete transition of the spirit and the soul with all its desires into the living spirit of love for God and the love in God Himself.

16. Once such a transition has taken place of man's own accord and all his love is now dwelling in God, then through such sacred love the whole person is dwelling within God where he is brought to maturity and strengthened as a new being and thus, after attainment of proper maturity, reborn of God. Only after such a second birth, which is preceded neither by the desire of the flesh nor man's procreative will, has man become a true child of God thanks to God's grace which is a free power of God's love in the human heart.

17. This grace is actually God's mighty prompting in the spirit of man through which he is drawn by the Father to the Son, that is, to the divine primordial light and thus which is the same, attains to the proper and living mighty wisdom of God." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 2)

16. And of His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

3. This **primordial light**, however, is also the eternally great glory in God, and God Himself is this glory; this glory was from eternity God Himself within God, and all being have received their existence and their light and independent life from the fullness of this glory.

4. Thus **all life** is a grace of God filling the life-bearing form through and through. Because in itself it is the same glory of God, the primal life in every human being is a FIRST GRACE OF GOD, but this had been harmed by the weakening of the feeling of exaltation by the lowly feeling of coming into existence and the thereby resulting inevitable dependence on the primordial light and First Cause of all existence.

5. Since this first grace within man was in danger of being completely lost the primordial light itself came into the world and taught people to once more leave this first grace to the primordial light or rather to completely return into this primal existence there to receive a new life for the old light. **And this exchange is the RECEIVING OF GRACE UPON GRACE** or the giving away of the old, weakened, quite useless life for a new, imperishable life in and from God in all fullness.

6. **The first grace was necessity in which there is neither freedom nor permanence. But the second grace is complete freedom without any compulsion** and, therefore, since not urged or coerced by anything also forever indestructible. For **where there is no enemy, there is also no destruction. By enemy is to be understood all that in any way impedes a free existence.** (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 3) **xxxix**

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xli THE HOLINESS OF GOD is THE ETERNAL, INFINITE FREEDOM OF GOD

[9] When men in their blindness will call God ‘holy, holy, holy’, it will look miserable among them. Whoever wants to call upon God in this way, must first be filled with this Spirit himself, **otherwise his call is useless and foolish, and it resembles the call of the pagans who are tied up and fettered by the judgment of the sins of the world, and can thus impossibly perceive nor understand the eternal, infinite freedom in God, which actually is that holiness.**

[10] That is why I am – as long as you are still living in the judgment of the world – surely your Lord and Master, but when you yourselves in My Spirit have become seeing, being free and aware, only then you will recognize God in Me and will call Him ‘Holy Father’. But then you will not, as now, call out with the mouth, but in yourself from the living spirit, for God is in Himself Spirit and can therefore only be called and worshipped in the spirit and in the living and enlightened free truth. (GGJ Book 20, chap. 53) **xli**

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xli 10 HILLS and 7 VALLEYS mean the 10 COMMANDMENTS and THE 7 COMMANDMENTS OF NEIGHBOURLY LOVE. STEAMING HOLE/WHORING OF BABEL (Rev 17:1-18 & other) mean THE UNDERMINING OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS AND TOTAL BREAK DOWN OF THE 7

These **ten hills** depict the ten exalted laws of Moses. The **chapels on the hills** shows the wisdom of these laws. **The seven valleys** separating these hill ranges from each other depicts again the seven laws of neighborly love.

[10] You now see in each of these valleys, underneath every hill, a **steaming hole**. Their meaning is the **undermining of the Godly commandments and the total eclipse and breaking down of neighborly love, which is, all taken together, called the whoring of Babel**. (Spiritual Sun vol. 1, chap. 20) **xlii**

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xliii NUMBER 7 represents THE 7 PROPERTIES OR SPIRITS IN GOD: LOVE, WISDOM, WILL, ORDER, EARNEST, PATIENCE AND COMPASSION

Consider **My Seven Properties (Love, Wisdom, Will, Order, Earnest, Patience and Compassion)**;(*) you find Order in the middle; for without Order nothing can exist. Thus Order is the basic although Order has proceeded from Love, Wisdom and Will, Order must nevertheless be the basis of the first and that of the succeeding properties, namely, the basis of Earnest, Patience, and Compassion. (**Explanation of The Revelation of John (The Apocalypse)**, received through Gottfried Mayerhofer on July 18, 1875) **xliii**

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xliii Bodily features (EYES, MOUTH, NOSE, CHINS, NECKS, HANDS) correspond to SPIRITUAL QUALITIES

[1] Look, the rather big company is already with us. Just look at the dear children, how one is of greater heavenly beauty than the other! Each one shows another beauty. **The manly angels have youthful power and their facial expression is exceptionally soft and solemn. Their eyes are big, showing that they are full of light; their noses are well-formed and very tender, telling that they are sensitive and have a keen discerning ability. Their mouths are soft and mostly closed, showing upon their modesty in wisdom. Their chins are equally soft and beardless. Which is to say that the actual wisdom is open and not surrounded by the wild growth of mysticism. Their necks are smooth and round, meaning that the truth is in principle regarded to be self-evident and being a complete whole. Notice also the softness of their hands; this means that wisdom is taking on everything with good deliberation and do not want to touch anything that is imperfect. (Spiritual Sun vol. 1, chap. 45)** **xliii**

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xliv EATING AND DRINKING correspond with TAKING UP OF THE GODLY GOOD AND GODLY TRUTH

The married couples here also enjoy the ‘married privileges’ like on earth, but everything here has quite another meaning than upon the celestial bodies.

[4] **Eating and drinking** says: Taking up of the Godly good and the Godly true; [...] Who wants to work, first must **take up the active principle** which forms its foundation and this is what is understood here to be **the taking in of food.** (Spiritual Sun vol. 1, chap. 45) **xliv**

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xlv SEXUAL INTERCOURSE correspond to the UNIFICATION OF THE GOOD OF THE LOVE AND THE TRUTH OF THE FAITH

[4]...what you understand to be the **sensual act of intercourse**, is here understood to be the **unification of the good of the love and the truth of the faith, unto it’s loving unfolding.** All this are holding itself here in its function and purpose. (Spiritual Sun vol. 1, chap. 45) **xlv**

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xlvi THE STONE FROM MAN'S GRAVE (Lazarus grave: John 11:1-44) is the symbol of all LOVELESSNESS and particularly of WORLDLY INTELLECTUAL REASONING

[10] Lift off the stone, indeed the heavy stone, from your Lazarus grave, and you should immediately become aware of the glory of God in you! Only the grave must be open, and then those who are in the graves will hear My voice and be awakened!

[11] But as long as you do not lift the stone from the grave, you are still a prisoner of death, and I can scream like a night watchman, and yet your Lazarus does not hear Me; because love does not penetrate through the stone, because the stone in itself is the true symbol of all lovelessness. A stone can only be smashed and destroyed by the voice of My wrath; But My love does not put a stone in front of the mouth, but a trumpet.

[12] Such a stone is your worldly intellectual reasoning; it is firm and heavy, and it takes a lot of effort to lift it away from the grave. But all the same, it still has to go away, otherwise My awakening voice will not penetrate into the dead Lazarus in you.

[13] The stone probably prevents the nostrils of the world from overcoming the evil odor of modern Lazarus; But I say, "It is good for him that the stone of the tomb is rolled, and then his nostrils are touched by the evil odor of the modern Lazarus; for if it would not be done, and where a person, after his stone of his worldliness have been lifted, does not shudder in true remorse for the condition of his Lazarus, My awakening call will not penetrate into the tomb of the modern Lazarus, awake him and then let him loosen the bonds of death!

(Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 16) **xlvi**

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xlvi BLOOD (NOT BELONGING TO THE LORD)(Jer 46:10, Ezek 39:17-18 & other) and **CREeping THINGS** signify the TYRANNICAL MANIA and the SELFISH HYPOCRITES SUPPORTING IT

Note: As the flesh and blood of the Lord mean His teaching and action according to it (or activity of true love), the blood and the flesh that the Lord is against and will destroy is represented by the false teachings and the attitudes/ actions derived from them

12. Say I: "Well then, hearken! The blood that flows in from those points fitted with the precious stone on the outside – representing the rich and the government of the Earth – signifies the tyrannical mania. This one outwardly pretends to fullest freedom and equal rights for all, but is within itself vengefulness and blood-lust resulting in the putting down of all who do not acknowledge fullest priority to the tyrant. Think back to the Inquisition and from there to the present, and you will see how the hierarchy's entrails are rampant with hate, rage, trials, persecution of every kind, together with blood and murder-like pestilence, even if not factually evident due to laming of the powers, yet that much more wickedly in their secret intentions and ardent desires!

13. "Those creeping things busily consuming the blood however and therewith withdrawing it from the blind nations are the revolting creepers and hypocrites of every type of human office and occupation. These beings are the most reprehensible in any human society. They are the sheer enemies of all people, and love none but themselves. Wherefore they at once betray those they pretend to look after, if some gain can be calculated from it. **For**

whoever has once turned traitor remains so for profit. And behold, thus it is now with the Roman woman. She loves the **dissemblers, hypocrites, the boasters, plotters, denouncers, spies and all skilful liars and the heartless**, and those who heartlessly and unscrupulously invent all sorts of pious deceptions. But now these shall be their worst judges and disloyal betrayers. (From Hell to Heaven vol. 1, chap. 89) **xlvi**

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xlvi **THE FAN AND WHIRLING WHEEL/ WHIRLWIND** (Isa 40:24, 41:16, Jer 4:13, 23:19, 25:32, 51:2, Matt 3:12 & other) represent the MEANS TO SEPARATE PEOPLE, particularly the PROPHETIC TEACHING OF THE LORD

At that time John said that One would come "*whose fan is in his hand and he will thoroughly purge his floor and gather the wheat, but burn the chaff*". And now, when you have invented machines to clean the grain with the help of strong fans, I am replacing the winnowing-**fan** by speedier methods in order to achieve My purpose and **separate those of good will from the indifferent and indolent ones**. Already the **wheel** is spinning in My spiritual wind- and corn-sifting-mill. **Whirling**, it **stirs the masses, tossing away from it the easygoing, shell-like rabble, which indulges in the pleasures of the world deaf to all warnings**. [...]

And today, when nearly all the noble qualities of human nature have been buried and only egoism with all its characteristics is ruling, **this warning-call is again sounded, supported by accidents and troubles in order to achieve by forceful means what so far could not be achieved gently with the majority of people**. (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 4) **xlvi**

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xlvi **THE TEMPLE** represents MAN IN HIS NATURAL-WORLDLY SPHERE. **THE HOLY OF HOLIES** represent THE SPIRIT OF MAN. **THE HIGH PRIEST** is THE TRUE LOVE OF GOD. **THE DEALERS AND BUYERS** are THE LOW, UNCLEAN PASSIONS IN MAN. **THE MONEY-CHANGERS** represent HIS SELF-LOVE. **THE PIGEON DEALERS** show THE EXTERNAL VIRTUES CONSISTING IN ALL KINDS OF CEREMONY, CUSTOM, COURTESY ETC, IN A PURELY WORLDLY SENSE (Matt 21:12-13)

3. The **temple** represents man in his natural-worldly sphere. In the temple, as also in man, there is **the Holy of Holies**. Hence also the exterior of the temple should be kept hallowed and pure so that the innermost, as the Holy of Holies of the temple as well as of man, many not be desecrated.

4. **The Holy of Holies** of the temple is, to be sure, covered by a thick curtain and only the high priest may on certain occasions enter the Holy of Holies by himself. But the curtain and also the rarely allowed visit to the Holy of Holies is a protection against its desecration. For if someone sins with his body he not only defiles his body, but also his soul and through it **his spirit which in every human being represents, and really is, the innermost and holiest**. This Holy of Holies in man, just as the same in correspondence in the temple, has been placed as the same in correspondence in the temple, has been placed deeply behind a thick curtain, and only **pure love for God, which in every man is God's truest high priest**, is allowed to penetrate into this Holy of Holies unpunished and lift the curtain. If, however, this sole high priest in man

becomes defiled by attaching himself to impure worldly things, making common cause with them, how can the Holy of Holies remain undefiled if it is visited by an unclean high priest?

5. If, therefore, in the temple as well as in man everything has become unclean, man is no longer able to cleanse it, for if the broom is full of filth and dirt, how can it be used for cleaning a room? Then, I am afraid, **I Myself must take this work in hand and cleanse the temple by force, and that through all kinds of painful experiences like various illnesses and apparent accidents, so that the temple might be cleansed.**

6. **“Dealers” and “buyers”** are the **low, unclean passions in man, the cattle offered for sale represents the lowest animal sensuousness and at the same time also the resulting great foolishness and blindness of the soul whose love may be compared to that of an ox that even lacks the sensual procreative and sexual love** and is only motivated by the grossest polyp-like gluttonous love and whose cognition is equal to the well-known intellectual power of the sheep.

7. And what do the **money-changers and their money dealings** denote? -They denote and represent in man all that emerges from man’s already quite **brutish self-love**, for the animal loves only itself, and a wolf will devour another if he is hungry. These “money-changers”, or such brutish self-love, must therefore also be painfully and forcefully removed from man, and everything that animates this love must be upset and scattered.

8. Why not completely destroyed? Because also this type of love must not be deprived of its freedom, for the noble seed or the grain of wheat will grow best in a field well manured with such dung and yield a rich harvest. If all the manure were removed from the field to cleanse it, as it were, from all the dirt, the grain of wheat would prosper only poorly and be sure to yield a very bad harvest.

9. The dung which is initially carried onto the field in heaps has to be spread so that as to serve the field. If it were left lying in great heaps, it would suffocate everything where it is lying and be of no use to the other parts of the field.

10. This is at the bottom of the story of the cleansing of the temple in the Gospel. And because of this I only scattered the money of the money-changers and did not destroy it completely, which I could easily have done.

11. What then do the **pigeon-dealers** inside the temple denote who too had to withdraw and return to the places originally allocated to them?

12. They are to be understood as **the external virtues consisting in all kinds of ceremony, custom, courtesy, etc, in a purely worldly sense which, however, men’s blindness raises to an inner life value and tries to make true life to strike roots therein.**

13. The pigeon is a creature of the air, and since it was used in the orient often as a carrier of mail, especially in matters of love, and because of that already with the ancient Egyptians as a hieroglyph represented tender and nice conversation, it served as a symbol for such conversation in the temple and was at the same time an ordinary and correspondingly symbolic sacrificial creature, which was usually sacrificed in the temple by young married couples when their first

child had been born, as a sign that they now had done away with such external messages, niceness and ceremonial airs and passed into true, inner, life-giving love.

14. However, according to the order of all things the outermost belongs to the outermost. The bark being something quite dead, must never be contained in the marrow of the tree, but everything that belongs to the bark must also be deposited in the bark. The bark is most useful to the tree when in a proper measure in its rightful place. If someone would push the bark into the marrow of the tree having first removed the marrow, the tree would soon have to dry up and die.

15. And thus as an indication that men should not make external virtues a matter of inner life, whereby noble man would become no more than a conversation-puppet (warehouse), these pigeon-dealers, as in a broad sense all formalities, endeavouring to raise their merchandise to the status of inner life-values, were also expelled from the temple by My and ordered to their proper place, only in a somewhat gentler way.

16. So this is the spiritual meaning of the cleansing of the temple; and from the correct and unchangeable correspondence between man and temple, it can also be recognised that no man, but only God alone, as eternal wisdom, who sees and knows everything can ever act and speak like this.

17. But why does not the Lord remain in the temple after such a sweeping?

18. Because He alone knows what man's inner being must be like so that He may take up permanent residence in man. Besides, after such a cleansing, man must not be deprived of his freedom lest he become a puppet.

19. Therefore, the Lord cannot yet entrust Himself to such a forcefully clean swept inner man, for He alone knows what is required for a full restoration of the inner man. That is why the sweeper walks out of the temple and, as if accidentally, flows from the outside into man's within not submitting to man's request to stay with and within him which would only support man's indolence. **Man has to awaken to complete spontaneity, thereby only becoming a perfect man**, which will be described in detail in the next chapter." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 16) xlix

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| **THE BIRDS** from the parable of the mustard seed (Matt 13:31-32) are the ANGELS OF GOD

Then the development will make such good progress that - as the Gospel says - *even the birds of the air will come and lodge under the branches*. Spiritually this means that even the angels, the light, blessed dwellers in the spiritual spheres, like the birds of the air, will show a lively sympathy with the heaven emanating from a god-inspired heart, spreading peace and joy all around. (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 52) |

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ii THE EARTH in the fourth commandment (Exod 20:12, Deut 5:4-16) means the PROPER BEING OF MAN, **LONG LIFE** means LIFE (INCREASING) IN WISDOM, **WELL-BEING** means FREE-BEING ACCORDING TO THE INCORPORATED GOD'S ORDER

[8] Children! Obey the order of God, which proceeds from His love and wisdom (ie father and mother), so that you may live long on earth in well-being. What is long life, and what is eternal life compared to it? The "long life". denotes life in wisdom; and "long" is understood not as duration, but as expansion and ever greater power of life; for the word or the concept "life" already implies eternal duration. But the word "long" does not mean any duration, but only a spreading of the life-force, with which the living being always gets deeper into the depths of Divine life, and thereby makes his own life more and more perfect, firm, and effective.

[9] This we now understand; but "well-being on earth" what does that mean? Nothing other than the taking-unto-self of the Divine life, for by the "earth" here is meant the proper being, and the "well-being" in this being is nothing other than the free being in itself, according to the completely taken-unto-self Divine order.

(The Spiritual Sun vol. 2, chap. 77) **ii**

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iii THE WIFE in the tenth commandment (Exod 20:17, Deut 5:4-21) means THE LOVE OF EVERY MAN and the **NEIGHBOUR** means ANY MAN AS SEEN IN NEED OF HELP

[1] The law therefore reads, as we already know it by heart: "*Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife*," or: Thou shalt have no desire for thy neighbor's wife, which is one and the same thing. - Who is "the woman" and who is the "neighbor"?

[2] The woman is the love of every man, and the neighbor is every man with whom I come into contact wherever, who is possibly in need of my help. If we know that, we basically know everything.

[3] What does the commandment therefore say? Nothing other than: Every human being should not demand the love of his neighbor for his own good; for self-love is in and of itself nothing else than to attract the love of the other for one's own enjoyment, but not having one spark of love to give back to him. (The Spiritual Sun vol. 2, chap. 96) **iii**

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iiii A COLUMN OF LIGHT (Exod 13:21-22) as visible phenomenon may indicate the PRESENCE OF MANY ANGELS

Ex: The light-phenomenon accompanying the death of Lazarus' father:

[9] Finally it became completely daylight and above the eastern horizon almost a real sun rose, but with a much greater speed as the ordinary one, or – as one is used to say – the daily sun. But


with this quickly rising light appearance, the lower end of the eastern horizon did not started to appear.

[10] This light phenomenon turned into a **column of light**, which within a few moments pushed its head up to the midday line and soon spread such light and heat, that we were forced to go underneath a still dense leafed fig tree, not to go blind because of the light and not to perish from the heat. But soon this column of light became thinner and thinner and the light and the strong heat produced by the column of light, disappeared.

[11] After a very small quarter of an hour the light phenomenon was gone, but also our sight; since afterwards, when the light disappeared completely, it was so dark and our eyesight was so weakened, that we were not able to properly discern the lantern of our messenger.

[12] Only after about thirty moments our eyes started to win back the necessary eyesight, and we could again barely see the road by the very weak light of the lantern, during our walk. The whole story nevertheless delayed us with a good half an hour time and my father immediately asked me, if I had seen any spirits during the light phenomenon.

[13] And I said to him according to the fullest truth: ‘In the light, which was in anyway much less to look at as the sun during midday because of its extraordinary brightness, nothing could be seen, but certainly with us on earth. A great number of figures were becoming halfway visible, but all like a very busy movement towards the west; their movement was thus homogeneous with the light appearance. Only one single spirit figure which came very close to us, was entirely visible, had a serious, old-manlike expression and appeared to have a great joy about the light appearance. But when the light phenomenon began to disappear from the sky, also the spirit figure disappeared quickly, and as it appeared to me, also to the west, but more so in the direction of Bethany!’ I didn’t see anything else and therefore could not report anything further to my father. (The Great Gospel of John Book 9, chap. 66)

[1] (The Lord:) “Since the old Lazarus completed his earthly life so very well, he not only has lost anything from his former heavenly perfection, but has gained so much, that at the time of departure of our deeply tried angel who passed his test in the most excellent manner, **myriads of the most perfect angels united and influenced the nature spirits of this earth in such a way, that they were forced to perform on the same level of activeness as the nature spirits of the sun must be active. By this extraordinary activity of myriads of spirits concentrated in a small space, the light originated which was seen by you, your father and the young Lazarus, precisely in that moment when the angel soul and spirit of the old Lazarus began to unwind from the bonds of the flesh.** (The Great Gospel of John Book 9, chap. 71) 

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liv THE FATHER AND MOTHER THE MAN WILL LEAVE TO GO WITH HIS WOMAN (Gen 2:24, Matt 19:5, Eph 5:31) are HIS SERIOUSNESS and HIS WORRIES

He (Adam) felt the value of the wife and her love and therefore said in a clairvoyant moment: 'We, I as a man and you as a woman, grown from my rib (area of the heart) according to God's plan, are therefore **one flesh and one body**; you are my life's most lovely part, and so it will be, and **the man will leave father and mother** (the man's seriousness and his worries) and will hang on to his wife!' (GGJ Book 18, chap. 94) ^{iv}

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^{iv} In John 1:1 on, **THE BEGINNING** means THE PRIMAL CAUSE OF ALL EXISTENCE. **THE LIGHT IS GOD HIMSELF AS THE HOLY PRIMORDIAL THOUGHT. HIS OWN** (John 1:11) are ALL THE PEOPLE IN THEIR SOUL AND SPIRIT NATURE. **THE LIGHT IN MAN** is THE FAITH

5. The expression '**In the beginning**' is most incorrect and greatly obscures the inner meaning, for thereby even the eternal existence of the Deity could be questioned and disputed, which was also done by some of the older philosophers from whose school the present-day atheists have actually gone forth. But if we now render this text correctly, its cover will be found to be only very thin and it will not be difficult to discover the inner meaning quite clearly and sometimes very accurately through such a thin cover.

6. The correct translation shall read thus, **In the primordial essence, or also in the primal cause (of all life) was light (the great holy creative thought, the existential idea). This light was not only in, but also with God, that is, The light came forth from God as substantially visible and was thus not only in, but also with God and, as it were, flowed around the primordial divine essence.** Thereby the basis for the eventual incarnation of God was given, which becomes plainly evident in the following text.

7. Who or what actually was this light, this great thought, this most holly fundamental idea of all future substantial, utterly free existence? - It could not possibly be anything else but God Himself, since God, through God and from God nothing but God Himself could manifest in His eternally, most perfect being - and thus this text may also be read as follows,

8. **In God was the light; the light flowed through and around God, and God Himself was the light.**

2. The same was in the beginning with God.

9. Now that the first verse has been made sufficiently clear and can be comprehended by anyone with some measure of enlightenment, the second verse is self-explanatory and only bears witness to the fact that the above described word or light or the great creative thought did not come later into existence out of the primordial being of God, but is as eternal as God, itself God, and therefore does not contain within itself any process of coming into existence. That is why the explanation - by way of giving witness - follows, The same was in the beginning, or in the primal Cause of all existence, and in all later existence - as the First Cause itself with, in and out of God, thus itself God through and through. [...]

11. He came unto His own, and His own would not receive Him.

7. Thus, as already mentioned, not the earth, but **only men in their soul and spirit nature are here to be regarded as actually the Lord's own** - My own, because they are, as it were, themselves primordial light out of My primordial light and thus at one with My fundamental essence.

8. But since in this particular existence, which within them expresses itself as the feeling of exaltation, they are weakened and because of which weakness I came to them as into My original property and am still coming, they failed to recognise Me as a result also themselves and their very own fundamental essence which cannot ever be annihilated since it is basically My essence. [...]

12. But to all who did receive Him, He gave the right to become children of God, because they believed in His Name.

9. It is obvious that, with all those who did not receive or recognise Me, the original order was disturbed, and with this disorder there remained a state of suffering, the so-called 'evil' or 'sin'; whereas with many others who did receive Me, that is, who did recognise ME in their hearts, this evil had to vanish, since they were once more united with Me, as with the original order and primal might of all existence, finding therein themselves and My primordial light as the light within them and in it everlasting, imperishable life.

10. But they also found in such life that, thanks to it, they were not only My created beings, which was expressed by their lower life-consciousness, but that - **since they carry My Self within them which only through the might of My will was given independence of Me - they are indisputably My very own children, because their light (their faith) is equal to My very own primordial light, wherefore it carries within the full might and power that dwell within Me** and this might gives them the full right not just to be called My children, but to be it in all fullness.

11. For, **faith is such a light** and My name, toward which the mighty beams of this light are directed, is the power and might and the actual nature of My primal essence through which everyone accomplishes within himself the proper and fully valid sonship of God. That is why it says in verse 12 that all who will receive Me and believe in My name shall have the power within them to be rightly called 'children of God'. (GGJ Book 1, chap. 1) **iv**

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vi THE BAPTISM FROM HEAVEN (WITH FIRE: Matt 3:11, Luke 3:16) is THE TRANSITION OF HUMAN SOUL AND SPIRIT INTO THE LOVE IN GOD WHICH LEADS TO THE SECOND BIRTH OR THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH

15. The 'baptism from the heavens' is the complete transition of the spirit and the soul with all its desires into the living spirit of love for God and the love in God Himself.

16. Once such a transition has taken place of man's own accord and all his love is now dwelling in God, then through such sacred love the whole person is dwelling within God where he is brought to maturity and strengthened as a new being and thus, after attainment of proper maturity, **reborn of God**. Only after such a second birth, which is preceded neither by the desire of the flesh nor man's procreative will, has man become a true child of God thanks to God's **grace** which is **a free power of God's love in the human heart**.

17. This grace is actually God's mighty prompting in the spirit of man through which he **is drawn by the Father to the Son**, that is, to the divine primordial light and thus which is the same, attains to the proper and living mighty wisdom of God." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 2) lvii

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lvii **THE WILDERNESS** in which John is crying is THE SPIRITUAL DESERT OF HUMAN HEARTS

23. John said, 'I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Lord, as predicted by the Prophet Isaiah.'

5. Whereupon John confessed that he was but a crier in the wilderness preparing the way for the Lord, as predicted by Isaiah.

6. Here the question would be justified, why John had chosen the wilderness for this work where, one must assume, not many people would be dwelling; that it would be more advisable to make a forerunner in more densely populated areas. What use could the most powerful crying be in the dead wilderness where the sound of the call would lose itself before it had reached any ear? Even if it did reach a human ear, that why that would be far from sufficient in a matter so vitally important for all men.

7. In answer to this question it must be pointed out that the term '**wilderness**' **did not so much refer to the small desert of Bethabara beyond the Jordan, but rather to the spiritual desert in the human hearts**. The desert of Bethabara, where John actually lived, preached and baptised, had been chosen only to show man symbolically what it looked like in his heart, namely, quite as arid, empty and bare of noble fruits, but full of thorns and thistles, all kinds of weeds, vipers and other vermin. And **in such a human desert John appears like an awakened conscience, which spiritually he also represents, and preaches repentance for the remission of sins, thus preparing for the Lord the way to the hearts of people who have become arid like a desert**. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 6) lviii

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lviii **THE EYES and HANDS FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Matt 5:29-30) ARE THE INNER SPIRIT'S CAPACITY TO SEE and TO ACT. MUTILATION OF THEM REFERS TO REFRAINING FROM FOLLOWING THE WORLDLY WAYS**

(Nathanael)7. But now pay good attention. **What the eye is to the natural man, is to the spirit the ability to view the divine and heavenly things**, which alone suit the nature of the spirit for its most blessed, everlasting existence.

8. However, since the spirit, according to the most necessary divine order, has to be for a certain time imprisoned in the matter of the flesh of this world, so that it may become firm in its freedom and almost total independence of God without which it would never be able to see God, let alone exist in, beside and with God (but when the spirit is maturing within matter and becoming firm in freedom and independence of God, it is exposed to the quite unavoidable danger of being swallowed up by matter and perishing together with it, from which death an awakening to life in God is and must be extremely hard and painful) - - **the Lord said, not to the physical man, of course, but to the spiritual man: "If your eye offends you, tear it out and fling it away, for it is better to enter the heavens with one eye, than hell with both," which is to say as much as: If you find the light of the world too tempting, make an effort and turn away from such a light; which would draw you into the death of matter. Deprive yourself as spirit of the empty gratification that enjoyment of the world can offer and turn with your soul to the purely heavenly things, for it is better for you to enter the realm of eternal life without much worldly knowledge than be swallowed up by the death of matter - too worldly wise on the one hand and too little spiritually wise on the other hand.**

9. If the Lord here spoke of **two eyes, hands and feet**, He thereby did not mean the two eyes and the two hands and feet of the body, but only the obviously dual ability of the spirit to see, act and progress. He does not warn the flesh, which has no life, but the spirit not to concern itself with the world, when it feels too much attracted to it. In that case it is better to enter eternal life without knowledge of the world than be in the end swallowed up by the necessary judgement of the world because of too much worldly knowledge.

10. The spirit shall, of course, also see the world and get to know it, but it shall not take pleasure in it. **Once it begins to feel that the world attracts it, it should promptly turn away from the world as danger is already threatening. Behold, this necessary turning away is expressed by the corresponding picture of the tearing out of an eye and He who is able to give us such an appropriate metaphor must surely be well-versed in all man's spiritual and material circumstances.** In my opinion, this could be possible only to Him through whose power, love and wisdom all things spiritual and material have been created. I think you will now have understood me and realise how flagrantly you have sinned against the One Who carries yours as well as all our lives in His almighty hand!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 42)

[8] On this I said to Simon Judah: "Regarding this, you should go to My dear John who, already immediately after the sermon on the mount, was able to explain the spiritual truth of that image.

And then you also will clearly realize that **I did not command any physical mutilation with that but only to seriously watch over the always free will of man and his mind.** Do you understand that?"

[9] Now **Simon Judah** said: "O Lord and Master, with Your last two words You have clarified the matter to me, and so I can leave brother John alone because it stands now clear before my eyes that **the mind of man is the eye of the soul and the will the active hand.**

[10] **But man has two eyes and two hands and thus also two minds and two wills, namely a good and a bad mind and therefore also a good and a bad will.**

[11] **If the bad mind irritates the good one, one should recognize it and forever give up the bad mind, and so also one should do the same with the will. And it is of course also better to enter the Kingdom of Heaven with your good mind and will than go to Hell with two minds and two wills.** For I believe now that if someone, according to the condition of his love for the world, will let himself be tempted to all kinds of actions, one time by his bad mind and his bad will and another time by his good mind and good will, is already an arch devil on this world. For if some other person, as a result of his early education, has only a bad mind and a bad will and who can therefore also not act any differently than badly, is basically not an actual evil devil but rather a foolish devil for whom can still be prayed to You: 'Lord, forgive him and make him better, for he did not know up to now what he did.' O Lord and Master, be so merciful to tell me if this perception of mine is now good and correct."

[12] **I** said to Simon Judah: "Now your perception is good and correct, but you also will have noticed that **it was not your flesh who inspired you to this but only My Spirit in you. Therefore, you also should try to completely get rid of your worldly mind and worldly will, then the heavenly understanding of the spirit and the power of the heavenly will, will be completely your own.**

[13] If you still have something in connection with the teaching that I gave to the people, let it hear, for today I am disposed to make all things straight that seem uneven to you." (GGJ Book 24) **lviii**

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lix WASHING THE FEET AS THE LORD DID FOR HIS DISCIPLES (John 13:3-15) means CLEANSING THE HEART

[8] After we ate the lamb in the traditional manner, I stood up, girded Myself and **began the foot washing in which the Son of man expressed the deepest humiliation because that was a task of the lowest servants and slaves. At the same time it shows that no one can walk My ways before I have cleansed the instruments for him which allow him to also walk these ways – so this means: his heart must be completely cleansed of all the dust of the roads of the world on which he walked up to then, and I am the One who will give him the means for that. Therefore, no one should fear these washings, otherwise he will have no part in Me.**

[9] So with this I gave the disciples a profound teaching by way of a symbol by which the latter is of course not the main thing but the core in it means everything.

[10] **As I cleansed My disciples, so also mankind should strive to cleanse one another so that they can truly follow Me with a pure heart, thus with washed feet.** (GGJ Book 25, chap.95) **lix**

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ix TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH means IN THE TRUE LOVE FOR GOD AND FELLOWMAN

“13. The God of the Jews however, Whom the vast majority now are no longer able to or want to recognise in fullness and in truth; and instead, **in spirit and in Truth of heart, which in reality is love**, worship and honour with only the filthiest and dead sacraments, nevertheless is the only true, eternal God, **Who out of Himself once created heaven and this earth**, with everything on it, in it and under it, that lives and has its being.” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 210)

"When you pray, do not pray like the pagans and the Pharisees with your lips, using words formed by the tongue of flesh, but **pray, as I have told you, in the spirit and in truth, with life-filled works and acts of love for your neighbor**, then every word spoken in My name will be in truth a prayer and I shall always hear it, the sighs from your lips, however, I shall never hear." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 3, 209:4) **ix**

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ixi THE HOLY SPIRIT is GOD’S SPIRIT OR THE POWER OR WILL IN GOD. FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT are THE LOVE, WISDOM, WILL OF GOD

[1] **BUT** what you will hear now, keep it to yourselves for the time being and do not make Me known before the right time! When the right time will come, you will be informed by **My spirit, which is the actual Holy Spirit**.

[2] The Father, I as Son and the **Holy Spirit** are distinguishable one and the same from eternity.

[3] The Father in Me is the everlasting love and as such the primordial reason and the actual primordial substance of all things, which fills the whole of eternity.

[4] I as the Son am the light and wisdom, which goes forth from the fire of everlasting love. This mighty light is the everlasting most perfect self-consciousness and the brightest self-recognition of God and is the everlasting word in God through which everything there is has been created.

[5] So that all this could have been made still requires the mightiest will of God, and this is the very **Holy Spirit** in God, through which the works and beings obtain their fullest existence. The **Holy Spirit** is the great pronounced word ‘It shall be!’ And it is what the love and wisdom in God have decided.

[6] And see, **all this is now here in Me: the love, the wisdom and the power!** And therefore their only exist one God, and this is Me, and I only have taken on a body here, to reveal Myself better to you people of this earth, who I have created to My likeness, in your personality, as it is the case right now. (GGJ Book 16, chap. 1)

12. Three signs attest to it: the Word, the insight and the will, and these three must become one as I am one as Father, Son and holy Spirit. **The Father is the eternal word, substantially. The Son is the reception of the word and hence eternal wisdom itself. The Spirit or will or power then proceeds from both and is likewise completely at one with Father and Son, and that all in the one Being which, in Myself, stands before you teaching you.** (From Hell to Heaven vol. 2, chap. 254)

[14] Look, as all of you very well know that the book of the prophets says and explains that I, Jesus, Christ – also called Son of Man, although also defined and named by different names, namely as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – am the true God. And still, God is only one individual majesty in the highest perfect form of a man.

[15] **As you well know now, the soul, His outer body and His deep inner Spirit are united in such a way that they are only one Being, or finally consist of one individual substance. But still, they form with respect to each other a well distinguishable ‘3’. So are also the Father, the Son and the Spirit united,** as is taught by the Scriptures of the old fathers and prophets that I have just named. (GGJ Book 18, chap. 73)

[14] **And thus hear: Jesus Christ is the only God and Lord of all heavens and all worlds! According to His eternal, infinite love: the Father, and His infinite wisdom: the Son, and His everlasting omnipotent holiness: the Holy Spirit himself; as He Himself also said of Himself, that He and the Father are One, and who sees Him, also see the Father; and that the Holy Spirit goes out from Him, as He demonstrated when He breathed on His apostles and said to them, receive the Holy Spirit.** (The Spiritual Sun vol. 1, chap. 74)

And when I said, “**receive ye the holy ghost,” it meant as much and still does as: “receive the highest of power of my divine love.**” Whatsoever shall be loosed on earth shall remain loosed. It requires no further sacrifices nor any more high priests. Whatsoever you bind to your heart, and whatsoever you shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven.” Neither understand by “loose” and “bind,” forgiveness or remonstrance, since loosening is an extrication, and binding is an acceptance. (Earth and Moon, chap. 71)

The Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Love in God and thus the Father Himself

[3] I said: “Good then, I know what you have discussed and learned during the time planned for you! But since you have learned it, keep it for the time being to yourself and also afterwards do not make misuse of it; since the children of this earth cannot understand this, because they are not from the same place where you came from. But you will experience much **bigger things; after the Holy Spirit has come over you, whom I will soon pour out over you, who will lead you into all truth! This will be the spirit of love, the Father Himself, who will draw and teach you, so that you all can come there, where I will be.**

[4] Since truly I say to you: Nobody will come to Me, if the Father is not drawing Him towards Me! You must all be taught by the Father, thus by the everlasting love in God, if you want to come to Me! Therefore you all must be perfect, like the Father in heaven is perfect! Hence, a lot of knowledge, also the most plentiful experience will not bring you there, but only the living love for God and in the same measure to your neighbor; therein lies the great secret of the rebirth of your spirit out of God and in God. (GGJ Book 8, chap. 33) **lxi**

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lxii THE LORD PRAYING TO THE FATHER (Matt 26:36) means DIVINE WISDOM CALLING TO THE DIVINE LOVE

Whenever I, as Christ on earth, prayed to My Father, it was Wisdom calling to Love to limit its boundless action. Just as wisdom and love can only exist with each other, I, as the Christ, was one with My Father, the Love, and therefore I could say: *'No one knows Me, except the Father in Heaven and I alone know Him'*, or *'I go to the Father'* and so on. Thereby I meant to say: All the world was created out of love, but wisdom has regulated its conditions. **Love creates, and wisdom preserves.** Love, as the "Father", was the highest symbol of purity; whereas I, wisdom, as the "Son", proved it through the deed. Thus also man, as My descendant, shall become a manifestation of love and wisdom. He shall love first and only then shall he learn to be wise so as to comprehend fully My creation and his mission in it. (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 5) **lxii**

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lxiii DEATH as mentioned by the Lord & disciples (Matt 8:21-22, Eph 2:5, John 5:24-25, Rom 6:11, 1 Tim 5:6) refers to SPIRITUAL DEATH OR THE SINFUL, WORLDLY CONDITION OF EXISTENCE

[5] But man – since he had a completely free will – let himself be seduced by the snake of his lust, and ate of the tree of knowledge even before it was blessed by the ripeness of the faith in the heart of man. That means: he searched and tried to grasp the Spirit of God, and so also the Spirit of life, with his natural reason. The result of it was that by that he only withdrew himself more and more from God instead of drawing more and more close to Him. And that was already death, that means the spiritual death of man, and the whole man became powerless and lost the authority over all things in the natural world and was forced to work for and to acquire his feeding bread with the help of the weak glowing of his brains' reason in the sweat of his face, physically and even more so spiritually. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 21, chap. 51)

21. "Therefore, do not say to each other: "This plot of earth belongs to me, and this tree is mine, and I can do with my body as I please!"; for this will more and more draw you away from My love, and you will thereby become servants of the world and thus of death finding it utterly

difficult, slow and burdensome to detach yourselves again from the world. And one day much fire will have to come over you to melt you away from **the iron shackles of death.**
(HHG vol. 2, chap. 137)

17. These three stages comprise: **First the mastering of the flesh, then the cleansing of the soul through the living faith which has, of course, to prove itself as alive through works of love, as it would otherwise be dead, and finally the awakening of the spirit from the grave of judgement,** for which in the raising of Lazarus from the dead surely the clearest analogy is given. Whoever will ponder a little on this little explanation will find what follows easy to understand. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 10)

23. While He was in Jerusalem for Passover, many believed in Him when they saw the signs He performed.

1. “I tell you: It is now Passover and I shall be staying in Jerusalem during this time. Follow Me where I shall be and you will be seeing a great number of proper signs. But **see to it that these signs do not bring you death.**’

2. The Jews were astonished at these words, but I left them and with My disciples walked out of the temple into the open. The Jews, however, followed Me secretly, for they did not have the courage to follow Me openly since **I had spoken of ‘My signs causing death’.** **They did not understand that this meant the death of the spiritual element, but were thinking of the death of the body, and like all the rich on earth they were great friends of the earthly life.**
(GGJ vol. 1, chap. 15)

Explanation of Mt 8:22 (“let the dead bury their dead”)

"1. Before we boarded the ship, one of My disciples came to Me asking for My permission to bury, before we left, his father who had died so suddenly the previous night [Mt. 8:21]. I, however said to him, ‘You better follow Me and let the dead bury their dead.’ [Mt. 8:22]. And the disciple immediately refrained from his request and followed me into the ship, for he understood that it is better to be concerned with life than with death - a futile concern - indeed, best suited for the dead, for all those who make much of funeral pomp are more or less dead. They pay their respect to death and the honour of death is most important to them.

2. Man’s true death is selfishness and its spirit is pride which above all craves for glory. Thus, the pompous funeral of a deceased is nothing else but the last display of pride of a person who has been **spiritually dead** for a long time.

3. When the disciple had grasped the full depth of the truth I spoke to him, he followed Me into the ship without misgivings, as already remarked and we quickly sailed off with a good wind,

escaping the growing onrush of the crowd." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 103) **lxiii**

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lxiv THE FIRE in which the evil ones will be thrown (as judgment: Matt 25:41) consists in **TRIBULATION AND SUFFERING**

There are still many who, chasing only after worldly pleasures and values, do not want to recognize a spiritual world, a higher spiritual principle or a God as creator. They are like the thistles and thorns. Keep away from them! Their prickles cause you to see that you may approach such sham-philosophers and scholars only with caution. **They shall be thrown into the fire, as is written; into the fire of tribulation and suffering. Only when purified after a long struggle, will they be able to participate in the spiritual kingdom which they had previously denied so steadfastly.** (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 51)

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lxv THE JUDGMENT/ LAST DAY (Rom 2:5, John 12:48) is **THE FIRST DAY IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM AFTER THE PHYSICAL DEATH. THE ETERNAL LIFE/ EVERLASTING LIFE** is **THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH AS CONDITION OF EXISTENCE**

Note: There are also expressions like 'the terrible day of the Lord' and other 'days' of judgment/ punishment which do not seem to point at the judgment for every person, but rather at the day of salvation, starting with Lord's resurrection (Joel 2:31-32) or at events that will happen at the second Coming (Isa 24:21-23) or even after the Millennium (Jude 5:7)

"9. Truly I tell you: Whoever seeks the life of this world, and also easily finds it, shall lose life eternal and on judgement day, following the shedding of his body, I shall not awaken him to everlasting life, but cast him into hell for eternal death.

10. But he who does not seek worldly life, even shuns and despises it out of true, pure love for Me, shall find eternal life [Mt. 10:39]; for I shall awaken him immediately after the death of his body, i.e. **on his judgement day, or the first day of his new life** in the spirit-world, and shall lead him into My Eternal Kingdom and adorn his head with the crown of eternal, immortal wisdom and love and he will then rule forever with Me and all the angels of eternal, infinite heaven over all the material and spirit world.'" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 139)

"I have never yet spoken to you (the disciples of a general day of resurrection and judgement, as you will remember, but rather of **a specific judgement day for every human being (separately)**, and this at the moment when his soul shall leave the earthly flesh it inhabited for the period of trial. But of course this will not raise everyone immediately to eternal life, but

conversely also to eternal death, though it would be noted that you must not take the word 'ETERNAL' to mean a time that goes on forever." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 10, 155: 1)

"With **Judgment Day**, I do not mean an earthly day, but spiritual one, in the next world. When you will have left your body and come to enter into the realm of the spirits, that shall be your judgement day, and I shall release you from the trial of physical matter, and that is **resurrection on Judgment Day**.' (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 7, 187:6-8)

"For those righteous in love, **Judgment Day is a day of resurrection to everlasting life, which is the perfect rebirth of the spirit. It is however also a day of judgement for all who do not want to receive Me into them in the spirit and in the truth and hence in all love.**" (Geistige Sonne – The Spiritual Sun I 64, 15) **lxv**

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lxvi THE FIRE AND TORMENT OF HELL (THE WORM THAT NEVER DIES, THE FIRE NEVER EXTINGUISHED) (Isa 66:24, Mark 9:43-48) represent THE JUDGMENT INFLICTED UPON THE SOUL BY HER OWN INNER DIVINE SPIRIT

The soul, with her inherent spirit, is placed by angels into such a state that she gradually recognizes how she conducted her earthly existence. If she is willing to convert, she will go higher and higher. Should she be obstinate, it will lead her more deeply downwards, and thence to severe punishment. Should this not cause her to return, she may freely, in accordance with her own will, proceed on a **trial run into Hell**. Should the soul like it there, she may then remain there in accordance with her inclinations. Should she not like it there, she may then return. That occurs very rarely, however, since **Hell is filled with all kinds of promising enticements**. There are countless deceptions for bringing a soul closer to the actual being of Satan, so that she may become a part entirely concurring with him.

Of course, that will never happen, because every soul contains her own spirit, and she cannot detach herself from this spirit. This pure spirit is the opposite of Satan's spirit. **When such a soul wants to get closer to Satan, the spirit within her opposes her as a judge, imposes punishment, and torments the soul like an inner fire**. Through this torment, the soul is removed as far from Satan as possible, so that she may better herself. If she continues to better herself, it becomes easier and easier for her, the closer she comes to the purity of her inherent spirit.

Should this improvement continue, and if she attains the condition of her spirit, then the soul may reach bliss. Because this is **the difference between bliss and damnation**: in bliss the entire soul passes over into the spirit, and the spirit is then the actual being. **In damnation, the soul**

wants to expel the spirit and take on another, namely Satan's spirit. But since the spirit within her has the opposite polarity, he practices the counter force which repels her severely from Satan. The closer a soul comes to the being of Satan, the more severe is the effect of the spirit within her towards the spirit of Satan. This reaction is a very painful feeling for the soul. And that is where the suffering and pain in Hell come from. This reaction shows itself in appearance as **an inextinguishable fire; that is the worm in the soul that never ever dies, and whose fire never becomes extinct**. This is one and the same fire that causes the highest bliss in an angel and the greatest calamity in a devil. (Earth and Moon, chap. 58) **lxvi**

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lxvii **ETERNAL DARKNESS** and **FURNACE OF FIRE** (Matt 8:12, 13:42 & other) are equivalent to SPIRITUALLY TORMENTING SELF-REPROACHES and a NEGLECTED HEART

I described the consequences of disregarding My teaching with the terms "cast into the furnace of fire" and "eternal darkness", which is equivalent to spiritually tormenting self-reproaches and a neglected heart. My Spirit was to spread light, not darkness! (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 52) **lxvii**

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lxviii **THE TIME OF ABOMINATION AND DESOLATION** refers to a TIME OF TRIAL BY GREAT TEMPTATIONS

The time of abomination and desolation is to be understood in a spiritual rather than a material sense, for what is said in the Gospel as, for instance: "Let him which is on the housetop not come down!" and so on, means: Let go all that is worldly and stick to that which is imperishable, spiritual! There you find the anchor that can securely hold the vessel of your life in the storms of material misfortune and spiritual distress! Without this anchor you will find no rest, no peace! (Lord's Sermons, Sermon 53) **lxviii**

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lix **THE FOUR ANIMALS OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY (Daniel 7:2-8) REPRESENT 4 GREAT PEOPLE PERIOD, THE LAST BEING THE ACTUAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PERIOD**

02] Said I: "O, certainly; but also for that, this is not the place for it, since these people only know very little or even nothing about our writings. In addition also you have penetrated your - say - transcendental spirit far too little and still have become too little one with it to understand the vision of Daniel and grasp it in its foundation. For even if you narrowly would understand the

first two animals, you would not be able to understand the last two, since their being and effectuating is saved for future times. How could one brightly enlightenedly present to your only natural mind something, which has not even occurred yet on this earth and will only take place after many centuries from now on?!

03] The only thing I can tell you, is that the four strange animals do not represent four side by side existing kingdoms, of which from the last still ten new kingdoms will arise according to the number of the ten horns, on which still an eleventh horn grew in the centre of the head of the animal, causing the tearing out of three of the previous horns from the animal, but rather indicate from the beginning of mankind on this earth four great subsequent people-periods, which studies of the past requires a lot of chronological historical knowledge and for understanding its future a fully opened spiritual eye is needed, which can see beyond time and space in the light of light and life of life.

04] See, as such **the last animal will have teeth from iron and devour everything around it and the eleventh horn has eyes like human eyes and a mouth and speaks great things!**

05] Yes, I say to you that it inevitably will happen like this; but even if I tried to explain it to you a little, you would understand as little about My explanation as Daniel fundamentally really could understand the explanation given to him by the spirit.

06] Daniel's devout soul was quite well suited to see such visions like in an animated dream, but he could not understand them, since his transcendental spirit out of God could not and has not yet become one with his soul, because I was not there yet in the flesh to make such complete unification possible. This full unification will only then become fully possible, if I have ascended to My old and afterwards also My new home country.

07] From this you quite clearly can see that My explanation about the whole seventh chapter would be of absolutely no use to you." [...]

13] What would you say if I tell you that **shortly after 2,000 years**, calculated from now on, firstly this My teaching will be in a much worse state than now the worst paganism and will be even worse than now the blindest phariseeship in Jerusalem, which from now on will not last longer than fifty years?! What will you say if I reveal to you that **the people of that time will invent and produce large artificial eyes whereby they can look into the great depths of the starry sky and will set up completely different calculations as the Egyptians have done?! Yes, the people will make roads of iron and will drive with fire and steam in cars made of iron, as quickly as a shot arrow flies through the sky! They will fight each other with firearms made from iron and will carry their letters by lightening into all the world, and their ships will move through the power of fire on the large oceans of the world without sail and oars, so quick and easily as an eagle glides through the air; - and still thousand and again thousands of things of which you cannot have any idea.**

14] And see, all this is contained in the fourth animal and cannot be understood by you, because you also cannot understand what I just now have explained to you! But in the spirit you will be able to understand all this shortly and you will not be able to give to anybody another

explanation as I have given it to you at this very opportunity. Nevertheless will I give you later at a more suitable opportunity a more closer explanation about this. But for today we have sufficiently done right and good and thus want to take our bodily rest!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 6, chap. 101/ Book 14, chap. 72) **lxi**

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lxx THE EAGLES and THE CARCASS/ CORPSE (Matt 24:28) are THE FOLLOWERS OF THE LORD and THE PHARISEIC INSTITUTION FALSIFYING LORD'S TEACHING (DURING LORD'S LIFE) or THE LORD'S LIGHT (WORD) and THE NIGHT OF THE SINS OF THE SOUL or THE FOLLOWERS OF THE LORD'S LIGHT (WORD) and CHRISTIANITY BEFORE THE SECOND COMING

"[3] **The disciples** said: "O Lord and Master, now You have again said something which we cannot understand. What is the corpse and what are the eagles, and when will the corpse be, and where will the free eagles come from?"

[4] **I** said: "Just **look at the rotten and unbelieving institution of Pharisees, then you will see the corpse**. I and **all who believe in Me, Jews and gentiles, are the eagles** who soon will eat up the corpse completely. So also, **the night of the sins of the soul are a corpse** around which the **light of life is spreading itself and destroys the corpse with all its hazes and illusions**, just like the morning does with the night.

[5] As this is now happening before our eyes with the Jewry that is now without truth or faith, by which it has become a very big corpse that will be finished in about 50 earthly years, so it will also happen in later times with **the teaching and the church that I am establishing now. It will become an even more terrible corpse** than the Jewry now, and then also **the free eagles of light and life will come over it from all directions, and with the fire of the true love and with the power of the light of truth they will consume it as a corpse that wants to spoil everything. And that can still happen before 2 full 1000 earthly years after My life as I am now bodily present here amongst you, will have passed by – which I also have already explained to you at other occasions. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, chap. 39) **lxx****

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lxxi In the parable of the King and His Wedding Feast (Matt 22:1-14), concerning the transgressor - **BINDING HIS HANDS AND FEET means BINDING/ IMPEACHING HIS LOVING WILL AND WISDOM, **THROWING HIM OUT** means BANNING INTO MATTER, and into **EXTREME DARKNESS** means into PURE WORLDLY REASON. There will be **WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH** means WORLDLY QUARRELLINGS OVER JUSTICE, TRUTH AND LIFE. **THE ONE WITHOUT A WEDDING GARMENT** is THE IMAGE OF SPIRITUAL STUPBORNESS**

[10] When the king heard this from the helpers, he went to the one who did not have a wedding garment and he said to him: 'How could you come here without putting on a wedding garment? Look, the tables are now fully occupied with poor people, of whom a part of them were bad and only a small part good, but all of them dressed themselves so nicely that my eyes can find true

pleasure in them. You were invited already the first time and you did not want to listen to the invitation, and now on the third general invitation you decided to come in, but without a wedding garment, while you still are wealthy enough to possess a wedding garment. Why then did you put me to shame?’

[11] After these questions, the man became very unwilling to the king. He also did not even want to apologize or ask the king for forgiveness but he kept silent and gave no answer at all, although the king at first addressed him as a friend.

[12] This **evil stubbornness** irritated the king so much, that he said to his servants: ‘Since this man is so stubborn, and rewards my great kindness and friendliness only with a bad mood, anger and contempt, you must **bind his hands and feet (loving will and wisdom) and throw him out (into matter) into extreme darkness (pure worldly reason)! There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (worldly quarrellings over justice, truth and life).**’

[13] However, with this I am telling you that by His awakened helpers God also invited and called many of you to the true Kingdom of God, but only few are chosen, because the first time they did not want to listen to the invitation at all. After that, they resisted against it – just like it is the case now – and when for the third time all the gentiles were invited to the wedding, dressed themselves and came to the wedding, there was only **one of those, who was invited first, who came in a dress that was not fit for the wedding feast**, and **this one is the image of your stubbornness of spirit which will throw you into the deepest darkness and distress of the world.** (GGJ Book 17, chap. 14) **lxxi**

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lxxii **THE RESURRECTION OF THE FLESH** (1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-44) is THE GOOD WORKS PERFORMED OUT OF TRUE LOVE FOR FELLOWMAN WHICH WILL BE THE FLESH OF THE SOUL AND HER HOUSING ENVIRONMENT IN THE AFTERLIFE. **THE VALLEY OF JEHOSEPHAT** (Joel 3:2,12) is THE PEACEFUL CONDITION OF THE SOUL CONTEMPLATING HIS GOOD WORKS

"Therefore understand **the resurrection of the body** to mean the good works of true love of your neighbor! These shall be the flesh of the soul and thus rise with it to everlasting life as an unalloyed **ethereal body on its judgment day in the spirit world**, following the true trumpet call of this my teaching. If you had borne a body a hundred times on earth, in that next world you shall have but one body, and that the one described to you. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 5, 238:1)

[4] I said: “Then stay where the Kingdom of God and its eternal spiritual life rule, for I **Myself am the Truth, the Kingdom of God, the Revelation and the eternal Life**. Whoever believes in Me will receive the eternal life when I will wake him up on the youngest day. I will also stay in the one who will stay in Me in faith and in love, and in whom I stay has already the eternal life in him and will never see, feel nor taste death. So stay here with Me, and by your love, in Me.” [...]

[8] For truly, **the resurrection of the flesh** consists of the following: under ‘flesh’ must be understood **the works that the soul has accomplished with its body**.

[9] The **Valley of Josaphat** means **the condition of the inner rest of the soul if his actions were always justified**. That rest, which is not disturbed by any worldly love or lust and the passion that goes with it, and which can be compared to a completely quiet water surface in which you can clearly see the reflection of far distant and near regions, is then already **the first beginning of the true youngest day of the soul, of his resurrection by My Spirit in him and at the same time also of his resurrection to eternal life**.

[10] **In that condition, the soul can then already see the good fruits of his works and rejoices in it more and more. And that seeing is the true resurrection of the flesh.**

[11] **For it is written: a mortal and perishable body is sown into the earth, and it will resurrect again as immortal and imperishable. If you associate this with your material body you must of course completely come into great confusion, but if you associate this with the good works of the soul, which are his true body, then by this you will come to the truth.** For look, every good work that a soul has accomplished with his body to his fellowman on this Earth will pass away and dies already after the act, just like any other thing on this Earth, because when you have satiated a hungry person, quenched a thirsty person, clothed a naked person and freed a prisoner, then this noble act does not last, but it lasts only for the short time of the action itself. After that, it will often be forgotten by you, just like by the one to whom you have done this act. And thus, it is buried, and it is sown in the earthly kingdom of forgetfulness as something mortal and perishable. **But on the true youngest day of the soul, as I have shown you, that act will everlastingly be resurrected by My Spirit in the soul. However no more in the form of the perishable earthly act but in the form of the eternally lasting fruit.**

[12] **And how will this look like? Well, in the beyond it will become like an eternal and most beautiful housing environment of the soul, provided with the best and richest of everything, and where in extreme happiness he will raise himself from one completion to the other.**

[13] **So as this is the situation of the works of a soul here, they will later on serve him as a housing environment in the beyond. And look, this is the true resurrection of the flesh.** Believe this and keep to it, for this is how it is, and absolutely not otherwise.”

[14] Ebal said: “Yes, that sounds quite different than what the blind Pharisees were gibbering before the people. Also the sound reason of man agrees completely with this, and a new, great light is rising for it. Thus, of the flesh, which served the soul here, not the size of a sun’s particle will be united with the soul and resurrected in the beyond to eternal life?”

[15] I said: “Not as an element of the soul who lives eternally by My Spirit, because innerly he will become pure spirit himself. **But for what concerns the profile of his^[1] outer form and in particular his clothing, the soul-etheric particles of his earthly body will again be united with him in spiritual purity.** But of the coarse organic body, not even the size of one atom, because the destination of that body is the same as all other matter of the Earth, as this also is dissolved in ever better nature spirits, and as it was also initially arranged with much less pure nature spirits that were on a very low level of judgment.

[16] The nature spirits that are already leaving the coarse matter can in time also become human souls. But once your soul will be in that Valley of Josaphat you will understand more of this. Therefore, let us not say anything anymore about this now. " (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 22, chap. 91) lxxii

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lxxiii THE TRUMPETS / TROMBONES (Rev 4:1 & other) represent the LORD'S WORD/ TEACHING as conveyed to the people by prophets

***1**After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. (Rev 4:1)*

(Jarrah)[...] [12] But He shall not tarry among us for long, but soon ascend to His eternal heavens, namely with the merry voice of eternal truth, through which He has created a new earth and a new heaven for all eternities of eternities. And He is and shall be the Lord, and the bright sound of **His trumpet**, which **is the word spoken to us**, shall proclaim such to all Creation upon and in the earth, and upon and above all stars, spiritually and materially. (GGJ Book 4, chap. 243)

Now the time has come when the great edifice of clerical control - as once the walls of Jericho - will come tumbling down through the flourish of **trumpets of My divine teaching**, so that the blind waiting behind these walls may gain an unobstructed view over the valley of the Jordan, in whose waters I once had Myself baptized and where the voice from the heavens called: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!" (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 12)

[4] And so **you will be the trumpets that everyone will hear**, also those who are in the graves and who are held captive by the sea because of their endless many foolishnesses and sins, and they will come out of the graves. And also those who were held captive by the sea will be freed and clothed with the garment of life. (GGJ Book 24, chap. 38)

Through the words I have already been giving you for some years, I am calling the "Ephphatha!" to My erring children, putting My fingers in their ears so as to save them while it is still possible, **before the whole of nature will be sounding in their ears with the sounds of trumpets**, instead of soft harmonies, the things they do not want to understand when taught in a friendly way.

I did not create men to be deaf against all My works nor did I endow My creation with such an abundance of wonders that it should be a silent book for My spiritual beings. (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 37)

[11] But as long as you do not lift the stone from the grave, you are still a prisoner of death, and I can scream like a night watchman, and yet your Lazarus does not hear Me; because love does not penetrate through the stone, because the stone in itself is the true symbol of all lovelessness. A stone can only be smashed and destroyed by the voice of My wrath; **But My love does not put a stone in front of the mouth, but a trumpet**. (Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 15)

[8] However, before the judgment is coming over all the godless, many and big signs will take place in the sky and on earth. But the judgment and the end of this city will not have arrived yet; for there still will be waited for someone to better and convert himself. And if the signs are not taken serious, a big misery will be allowed to happen, so that the people can turn to God again. But if also this is of no use, **I will still send prophets, who will with a powerful voice, which will sound like trombones of war**, try to awaken the truly spiritual dead in all four main directions of the wind. Those who will allow themselves to be awakened to the light of live, will also rise to the everlasting life; but those who, through such **My trombone call**, will only awaken to rage and fury against Me and My word, will rise – however, not to life, but to death through judgment, and will be thrown where everlasting darkness rules in judgment, and there will be a lot of howling and crunching of teeth. (GGJ Book 15, chap. 44) bxxiii

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bxxiv **THE IMAGES OF THE PEOPLE: ONE ON THE ROOF, ONE IN THE FIELD, TWO GRINDING AT THE MILL, TWO IN THE SAME BED, TWO IN THE SAME FIELD** from Luke 17:24-37, Matt 24:36-41 present **DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN TRUE AND FALSE FAITH**

[9] However, when the judgment will come, every righteous should flee! Who already is standing on **the roof of recognition of the pure, divine truth**, should not climb down into the house again, to collect an old Jewish dress (teaching of the Pharisees), but he should stay on his new height of light! And who already is **in the field** of the new activity according to My teaching, should not turn around to the old home country the blind and valueless ceremonies, but stay on his new field and he will preserve his life! (GGJ Book 15, chap. 44)

[6] **As it happened during the time of Noah so it will happen in the time of the 2nd coming of the Son of Man**. They ate and drank very cheerfully, they married and let themselves be given to marriage until the day that Noah climbed into the ark and the flood came and they all drowned. And it will happen in the same manner as during the time of Lot: they ate and drank, they bought and sold, and they planted and constructed. But on the day - as I have explained to you more in detail on the Mount of Olives - that Lot went out of Sodom it was already raining fire and sulfur from the sky, and they all perished by it.

[7] Now look, this is how it also will be and happen during the time when the Son of Man will be revealed again. **Whoever will be on that day on the roof** and knows that his household goods are in the house, let him not come down from the roof to get his household goods - which has to be understood as follows: **he who really understands those things should stay with that understanding and not leave that level out of fear that by that he might lose worldly advantages, because those things will be destroyed.**

[8] So also still another image: **whoever is in the field** (the freedom of understanding) should **not turn around to what is behind him** (old deceiving teachings and their rules), but should **remember the wife of Lot, and should continue to strive forwards in the truth.**

[9] I will still tell you more: during that same time **there will be 2 in a mill** and do the same work. **The one will be accepted and the other left behind, which means: the honest worker will be accepted and the dishonest and selfish one will be left behind, because he who will try to keep his soul^[5] because of the world, will lose it, but he who will lose it for the sake of the world will keep his life and will help him towards true eternal life.**

[10] And still further, I say to you: in one and the same night of the soul, **2 people will lie in one and the same bed**. Also then, the one will be accepted and the other left behind, which means: **2 people will outwardly be in the sphere of one and the same confession of faith, but the one will be in the active living faith and will therefore be accepted in the living and lightful Kingdom of God, but the other will only adhere to the outer cult, which has no inner value for the life of the soul and the spirit, and will not be accepted in the living and lightful Kingdom of God, because his faith without the works of neighborly love is as it were dead.**

[11] And further: there will be **2 people in the field of work**. **The one who will work without self-interest in the living faith out of love for God and out of love for his fellowman, will also be accepted in the true Kingdom of God.** But the one who will work in the same field as the Pharisees without inner living faith out of pure self-interest, will obviously be left behind and will not be accepted in the living and lightful Kingdom of God.

[12] See, **that is how it will be and happen during the 2nd coming the Son of Man, and this is how it will manifest itself.** When in the future you will be permeated deeper with My Spirit, you will also clearly understand all that I have said now. At this moment however, I cannot explain it to you more clearly and more understandably." (Chap. 38. The 2nd coming of the Lord - THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21) boxiv

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boxv **THE (FLASH OF) LIGHTNING FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET** (Matt 24:27) are the **PURE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES**, based on the Lord's teaching. **THE MORNING STAR** (REV 2:28) is the **LORD'S TEACHING**

[8] **In order to bring about a complete cleansing of the sciences in the course of time and the resulting technologies, first My teaching should be proclaimed to them, and the many idols together with their priests and temples should be destroyed.**

[9] Once this has happened and My gospel has been proclaimed to the people – even though through many false prophets – then they also will be able to cleanse progressively **their sciences**

and technologies, and these will then be a lightning which will brightly enlighten everything that is on the Earth, from sunrise to sunset. With 'sunrise' the spiritual should be understood, with 'sunset' all what is natural. - THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21)

[4] During the time that I gave My teaching on Earth to the people, paganism was largely spread into all direction in all kinds of forms and appearances, and My teaching was only a bright morning star in the great pagan night. The morning star became soon easily covered by the very thick clouds of the pagans, so much so that the people could hardly and difficultly guess its true position. Some said: 'Look, here' and others: 'Look, there'. And it happened that they took other stars for the morning star and honored them greatly. And so, for the formerly supremely powerful paganism it was very easy to melt together and unify the morning star with themselves, and in this manner to present themselves as the only, true, old morning star to the people who asked for the morning star about which they repeatedly heard.

[5] The morning star that is in this way deformed and covered by clouds performs also wonders before the blind people while only the name of Zeus was changed into Mine. And the people were satisfied, and the old paganism remained, with very little changes. But still, My teaching remained intact and well preserved with a few people, despite all persecutions. The noble seed that fell into good soil took root, well and strong, flourished and bore good fruits, although in secret, unnoticed for the blind eyes of the whore of Babel.

[6] The morning star became a sun that completely comes up now, and the clouds of paganism will never more be able to cover that sun so that not even someone with weak eyes could take the day for the night.

[7] The light of My flash of lightning has become mighty and will never more be pushed away by the pagan night. How? That I have clearly shown in this 'nota bene'. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 23:12)

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lxxvi At the Second Coming **THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN** represent THE PROPHETS AND SEERS CARRYING LORD'S TEACHING, **THE LITTLE CLOUDS** represent the PEOPLE OF GOD THAT FOLLOW THE LORD'S TEACHING, THE DIVINE TRUTH; **THE NEW EARTH** is the great COMMUNITY of these people (Rev 1:7, 11:11-3, 14:14, Matt 24:30)

[3] First I will come invisibly in the clouds of the Heavens, (Rev 1:7, 11:11-3, 14:14, Matt 24:30) which means: first I will come close to men by truthful seers, wise men and newly awakened prophets, and in that time also woman will prophecy and young men will have clear dreams by which they will announce My coming to the people, and many will listen to it and improve their life, but the world will call them daydreamers and will not believe them, as this was also the case with the prophets. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 21 - chap. 62. The Return of the Lord)

[2] But look now again, then you can see how **out of the little clouds** a new Earth is **developing**. What do those little clouds mean? **Those are the people who have united together who are totally enlightened by the godly truth. And look, now these communities are coming closer and closer to one another and in this way they are forming one great community. That is the new Earth above which a new Heaven is spreading out with full light and clearness.** (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 18, chap. 96) **lxxvi**

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lxxvii In Matt 24 THE **SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IN THE SKY** means THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF JESUS AS THE SOLE LORD IN THE INNER HEAVEN OF MAN or THE NEWLY AWAKENED LOVE FOR HIM. **THE HEAVEN** means THE FAITHFUL HEART OF MAN and **THE CLOUDS** represent THE DIVINE WISDOM IN THE LORD'S WORD/ TEACHING

[9] However, close to the judgment **the sign of the Son of Man** will be seen in the sky, which means the **heaven** in man will recognize Me as the only Lord of heaven and earth, and man's soul will praise Me a lot.

[10] But this is still not the perfection of man. However, if I will then appear illuminated and bright before all mankind in the **clouds of the skies** with all heavenly powers under the sound like many war and judgment trombones, namely **the true heaven**, which is in the heart of man, **then the judgment of the world will be there.**

[11] The right person will then enter My magnificence and **the culprits of evil will be consumed by the fire of My just rage and enter the kingdom of their evil works, which is prepared for all incorrigible devils.** Since who voluntarily choses hell, he then should also be cursed in it, as it is cursed in itself. **Just like the good forever stays good, evil will also forever stay evil in itself and will be the everlasting foundation which forever will serve Me as a rest for My feet.** (GGJ Book 15, chap. 45)

Now **"heaven"** means the true belief of the Word which is the "Church" in it genuineness.

The **sign of the Son of Man**, however, is **the again newly awakened love in this Church, with all its attributes like mercy, patience, gentleness, humility, acquiescence, obedience and acceptance of all afflictions of the cross.** Behold, this living sign of the son of man will appear in **the sky of the inner eternal life** and will not kill but exceedingly enliven.

At such an occasion the "tribes of the earth addicted to the world" will howl, moan and lament as all their hellish deception consisting of the uncountable products for sale and for purchase will not be wanted anymore. The reason is **the people of My sign will have little to do with the world dreamers, the traders and the money changers.**

These will turn their eyes only where they will see the **"Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with great power and glory"** – which is **the living Word in the heart of man or My**

eternal love in its fullness which therefore is of “great power and glory”. And the “**clouds of heaven**” is the **endless Wisdom Itself in this living Word**. See, this is the brief understanding of this gospel text!

The “clouds” themselves, however, will receive you in the beyond in My kingdom and will be forever your home. That means that only there will you visibly recognize with great bliss the great power and glory of the Son of Man in all fullness.” (Gifts of Heaven 1, pg 337, or HiG.01_41.05.01.a,01) **lxxvii**

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lxxviii **THE WATER OF LIFE** or **THE RAIN FROM HEAVEN** is THE WORD OF GOD or THE ACTIVE LOVE or THE TRUE LIFE OF LOVE – This is THE WATER THE LORD THIRST FOR ON THE CROSS. **BILE** represents HATE and **VINEGAR** the SPIRIT OF CONTRADICTION AND HARDENING. (Matt 27:34, 48, Mark 15:36, Luke 23:36, John 19:28-30)

8. "Whoever does not understand that My Word is a living water, does not grasp in the least what God is, what Abedam and what Enoch; for only the living water can reveal this to him completely.

9. "Since, therefore, this depends on the true, intimate acquaintance with the living water, the question arises: How, then, is the Word from My mouth a living water?

10. This too you shall see in an accurate metaphor; and so hear it:

11. "At home you have a garden. In the same you have planted a great variety of good plants. When during the summer now and again it becomes very dry you water the plants with good water so that they do not dry out and die in the barren soil of your garden. But despite your diligent watering the plants thrive only very poorly and your harvest is as poor as is the soil in living food, which consists solely in a well-blessed rain from the clouds of heaven.

12. "You say out of your wisdom: 'A dry year is a scourge both for the plants and for our stomach and skin!'

13. "Why, then, do you consider the rainwater better and more nourishing than the one you pour from your jug onto the plants? - Answer Me this out of your wisdom."

14. And the speaker replied: 'This is quite natural: Because the earth's spring-water has already imparted its energy to the earth prior to reaching the surface of the earth feebly. However, the rainwater falls in undiminished strength to the ground of the earth where a single raindrop is more precious for the flora than a whole jug full of the purest spring-water. - I consider my answer to be correct.'

15. And the most holy Abba replied: "Quite right; so **consider My Word a rain from the heavens of all life, and the life-giving property of the water of this My living Word** will no longer be a riddle to you, and Abedam together with Enoch will appear before you in great clarity and in all the fullness of His Deity. Understand it. Amen." (HHG vol. 2. Chap. 167)

[5] **"I'm thirsty!" For what? After the life, which I myself am originally from eternity, and which I have wasted in so abundant fullness from the primordial beginning, on innumerable amounts of beings!**

[6] **It is this life after which I thirst! Endless many times have this life passed into death. I came to snatch it from death. That is why I was very thirsty for the great salvation of this wasted life; but death had taken over so much, that the ever-living blood of love could not let him rise!**

[7] **However, when I demanded to drink life, I was not given life, but death to drink! Vinegar and gall was the potion; Vinegar as the symbol of contraction and hardening, and bile as the symbol of hatred, anger and wrath.**

[8] **This picture is clearly presented, and we want to see how it works for our cause!**

[9] **Behold, therefore, I call to all the world, as to you, continually: "I thirst!" Or what is one and the same: "Love Me, give Me to drink your love! Love God over everything and your neighbor as yourself! That's the water of life, then thirst for Me in you!"**

(Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 5)

These **53 sermons** have not been given in vain. They have been given for you and all those who will one day be **thirsting for the water of life**. (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 36) boxviii

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boxix **JERUSALEM – THE CITY OF GOD will be represented by THE ENTIRE CREATION. THE TEMPLE will be EVERY LIVING HEART. THE GREAT SPIRITUAL JERUSALEM is THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE OF LOVE. THE NEW JERUSALEM is THE LORD'S TEACHING/ RELIGION GIVEN ANEW or, in fact, THE LORD HIMSELF WITH HIS CHILDREN (thus THE KINGDOM OF GOD) AS EXPRESING THROUGH HIS LIVING TEACHING. NUMBER 12 signifies THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE 2 COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE, THE ANGELS mean THE DIVINE TRUTHS ACKNOWLEDGED BY ACTING ACCORDING TO THE LORD'S TEACHING (Rev 21:9 on). THE RAIN/ WATER FROM HEAVEN/ GRASS FOR THE LORD'S SHEEP is (again) THE LORD'S TEACHING**

8. But the time of the unleavened bread had come and, as already mentioned above, I went with all who were with Me up to the Jewish capital, which was also called "The City of God", for the **name Jerusalem means as much as "City of God"**. (GGJ vol.1, chap. 12)

What Jerusalem was for the Jews, My creation shall become for My spirits and souls. And what the temple represented as the abode of Jehovah in the Holy of Holies, one day every living heart shall become, - the temple wherein I can dwell unashamedly. [...]

Spiritually this entry has the following meaning: I want to make the human heart My abode. There I want to be worshipped and loved through having My teaching observed. Just as the temple in Jerusalem was built as a House of God in My honour with all the splendour and magnificence available in those times, the human heart and soul shall also be adorned with all

the spiritual virtues that a true human is meant to possess as My spiritual image for which I once created and destined him.[...]

For you must know that **if your heart is not My abode and you are not carrying Me in your heart wherever you go, you will not find Me anywhere**, not even in **the great spiritual Jerusalem** which is nothing else but **the spiritual principle of love that has created everything, sustains it and leads it gradually to ever greater bliss** (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 18)

[5] I Said: "What you saw was this My new teaching which I am giving you from the Heavens. It is the **true New Jerusalem from the heavens**, for the old one on earth is no longer good for anything. The twelve gates mean the true twelve tribes of Israel and **the 12 kinds of precious stones** in the city walls are the ten commandments of Moses and the upper two rows consisting of diamonds and rubies signify My two commandments of love for God and love for the fellowman. **The angels** passing through the gates mean the many truths people find through the faithful compliance with My teaching. **Those leaving the city** mean the great wisdom of this My teaching, and **the many entering it** indicate that man shall admit this My teaching, which is pure love, also into his heart and act accordingly, so that he might attain the true rebirth of the spirit and thereby be guided into all truth and wisdom.

[6] That is the meaning of this vision, and it is also **the true sun of grace** for anyone who hears My word and lives accordingly, and all who now and in the future believe in Me will forever be there and live with Me and together with Me guide and conduct all that has been created in eternal space. (GGJ Book 13, chap. 84)

[...] therefore the people about which we are talking now will only receive the teaching from Me that you have received from Me, but at that time it will not be given to them in veiled form, but completely revealed according to its heavenly and spiritual meaning, and from that **the New Jerusalem** will exist that will come down from the Heavens to this Earth. Only in its light it will become understandable to the people how much their predecessors were misled and deceived by the false prophets, just as the Jews are now deceived by the Pharisees.

[3] Then they will not blame Me and My teaching anymore for all the great misfortunes, but the extremely selfish and imperious false teachers and prophets. In the light of their sciences and many technologies they will very well perceive whose spiritual children they are.

[4] When **the very bright light of the New Jerusalem** will shine over the whole Earth, the liars and cheaters will be completely unveiled, and the reward for their work will be given to them. The higher one of them thinks to be standing, the deeper will be his fall. Therefore, beware already now for the false prophets. Did you well understand this now?" (Chap. 58. The new time – THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21)

(John, the apostle:) The Lord always fulfills faithfully what He promises, but only in regard to the spirit and not necessarily to the mortal flesh. I shall now make a promise to you in the Lord's name, and you will then tell me whether and how you understand it. It is as follows:

3 The Lord will erect a new house, and a new city will descend from the heavens alive. And the house, like the city, will consist of many houses.

4 Those who will inhabit the new house and, simultaneously, the many houses of the new city, will be greater than the new house and the city and the many houses of the new city

5 As they will be moving into the new house of the Lord, it will bow to them and so will the city and the many houses in it.

6 The house, however, will be small on the outside but all the larger on the inside, in order to accommodate the countless dwellers and, also, the city will be like that and all the many houses in it.

7 Happy be those who will move into this house and the city and the many houses in it! For the house and the city and the many houses in it will put on them the garment of the Lord's sonship! 8 They will at all times draw strength from the house, the city, and the many houses in the city. But he who will not dwell in that house, that city, and the many houses of the city, will be weak, and this weakness will grow and destroy him. (Sunsets to Sunrises, chap. 181)

(Says John): "Well, listen then: **The new house is the Lord's new revelation to you which He is now building in your hearts. The living city descending from the heavens is the Lord and we, His children, full of life everlasting. You are expected to go into this revelation brought to you and to make it your true life's dwelling. Then this teaching will bow and submit to you.**

2 And if you will live actively in accordance with this revelation, your wisdom will grow beyond that one which we are now giving you. As a result, you will find in these few words, whose outer casing is, indeed, small, an internal contents of wisdom so infinitely great that you will hardly ever be able to fully comprehend it! And countless descendants will be dwelling in this wisdom, yet not ever reaching its outer limits.

3 Just as man has a physical house in which he lives after he has furnished it as best he can, so God's teaching is an eternal dwelling for the human spirit, in which it will live and be active forever.

4 Then the City of God and the many houses in it are identical with the one house, for he who dwells in such a house or is active in the minor wisdom of the limited Word of God, will thus enter the City of God. This means, he will enter into the fullness of divine wisdom and partake in everything that the Lord has in His house, His eternal city, and the many dwellings in it.

5 I think you now have understood me better, friend. So tell me whether you agree and whether you find this matter more acceptable now." (Sunsets to Sunrises, chap. 182)

Note: The above text presenting John's words may look as somehow contradicting the previous ones, for it presents the Lord's teaching as only the new house and not the new city (of course, the New Jerusalem), while the new city as the Lord Himself, with His children – which obviously constitute the essential Kingdom of God. However, we can see that that the great house (the teaching) and each of the many houses (as the living teaching, appearing personalized, in every

heart of Lord's people) are, in fact, from the perspective of divine truth, identical with the city itself, thus with the Lord (chap. 182:4). This is understandable since we know that the Lord Himself is the great primordial and eternal Word and He cannot be than One with His eternal Words in His teaching. We would then say that, what he have in the image of the New Jerusalem descending on earth is the Kingdom of God spreading in people's hearts, in their love's soil, in the form of God's teaching given anew as in the time of His earthly mission, God's teaching which will forever be a dwelling for each human spirit (chap. 182:3).

So now you see how, little by little, all scientific and cunning explanations of the Word of Love (the Scriptures) melt away like snow before the sun of truth. - Behold, the greater the effort of resistance on one side, all the quicker moves the process on the other side. Thus the final result of all this activity and drive will only further My doctrine, more and more bringing It into the right light and thus more and more prepare the transition into the millennium, where **the New Jerusalem as the symbolic temple of peace** will re-establish **the communion between Me, humanity and the domain of spirits**, where neither trumpet-calls nor bowls of wrath produce destructive effects, but where **even your earth-globe, the beings living upon it, including the animal- and plant worlds, take on the same type of love as man himself**. (Explanation of The Revelation of John (The Apocalypse) - Received through Gottfried Mayerhofer – text from July 19, 1875)

John once baptized with water, but now there will be baptism with spirit. **Streams of heavenly water** will be pouring into people's hearts, softening and awakening many of them; but many will also remain untouched or will hide from **this rain**. Happy he whose heart is still receptive for **the water from on high**, who is directed upwards and does not resist the heavenly blessings! On all these people the divine light of grace will be poured - as once a ray of the divine light came down onto Christ in the form of a dove - and it will spread peace and tranquility in their hearts and all their surroundings. (Sermons of the Lord, chap. 3)

(The Lord to the readers:) 4. Know this: Now I have the gates of My heavens wide open. Whoever wishes to enter, let him do so, but let him come soon, let him come at once, for the Great Time of Grace has come and **the New Jerusalem is descending to all of you upon the earth** in order that all who love Me may take up residence where they will become satisfied with **the honey and milk- soaked bread and shall drink their fill of the pure water of life which they shall draw in abundance from the eternal Jacob's well**.

5. However, while **the descent of My great city will be a boundless grace for all My children, it will on the other hand crush the blind and squash the deaf with its strong walls**. For it

will be large enough to cover the entire face of the earth. And whoever will not see it descending and will not perceive its rushing through the clear atmosphere of the earth, will no longer find a place on earth where to hide from it and escape being crushed.

6. For behold, the weight of its palaces will crush the mountains leveling them with the valleys, and I will place its houses over sloughs and bogs and all the scum existing therein shall be crushed completely by the foundations of the houses of the great city of God, your holy Father in heaven and on earth.

7. And the true Shepherd will call His sheep and they shall hear and recognize His voice to the ends of the earth. Then they will come and happily graze in the vast pastures of the Father, which are the great gardens of the new holy city of the Great King of all nations that were, are and will forever be.

8. These gardens will be the Paradise lost through Adam, which I, as the First, have found again and faithfully kept for them as an eternal mansion. ” (Household of God Book 1, Chap. 12) **lxxix**

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lxxx **THE TWO PROPHETS OF THE REVELATION/THE TWO OLIVE TREES** (Rev 11:3-12, Ezek 4:2-14) are THE SCRIBES OF THE NEW REVELATION. **THE CITY OF BABYLON** signifies the PLACE OF INTELLECTUAL ERRORS

"They killed the prophets and left their dead bodies lying in the street for three and one-half days." This signifies: When mankind heard the teachings of My Chosen Ones, they refused to accept them, mocked My scribes and servants, or regarded them as non-existent, as dead. They rejected My Teachings or' left them lying on the open street' , not believing in them, but also not completely discarding them either. Until after a short time (figuratively three and one-half days) truth triumphed again, the one believed dead became alive once more and returned to whence he had come, i.e. he ascended to Me. Whosoever comprehends the meaning of these words, that is, what they signify spiritually, will also easily find out the meaning of "the city of Babylon" or "the place of intellectual errors." (The Advent of Christ) **lxxx**

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lxxxi **TO SHORTEN THE DAYS** (Matt 24:22) means TO SPEED UP THE PURIFICATION OF HUMANITY. **THE ANTICHRIST** means THE OBSESSION FOR SINFUL OR PURELY INTELLECTUAL THINGS and THE EPIDEMIC MENTAL DISORDERS AT THE LEVEL OF HUMANITY

This much I can tell you: The earth, with its entire humanity, is engaged in the process of separation, and that everything which is going to happen soon is, indeed, written in those prophecies, but it will not be fulfilled in the sense in which you would interpret it. To "**shorten the days**" means - **in view of the spreading of My Word - to speed up the cleansing of the earth of its corruptible elements, which has already been taking place for some time.**

You also keep reading of the " **Antichrist**"; most people imagine this to be a personality. If they looked upon the world with an attentive eye, they would find many "anti-Christians", because **there are only very few actual successors of Christ or My Teachings, and even these are still far from being what they really should be.**

The actual " Antichrist" is the generally prevailing obsession for entirely different things than are preached by My Teachings. It is the prevailing inclination of so many people where **only the head is active and the heart is being condemned to silence.** Here you must accept the "head" or the calculating intellect (as the spiritual principle) as the " Antichrist" who has already for a long time been actively working his wiles on earth, endeavoring to explain to mankind, by seductive arguments, that only what the intellect can grasp and elucidate is true.

Whereas, what the heart feels or suspects is nothing but the fleeting haze of an excited imagination! That is why the doctrine of the materialists is the last stage of rationalistic wisdom, and therefore, the addiction to pleasure and the means by which to satisfy it, and the contempt for all which is noble, good and sublime. Thusly, "knowledge and no faith"!

And still man forgets what I once said: ' Your knowledge is but fragmented!' **All these pictures in the Apocalypse of John are spiritual figures. They are prevailing epidemic mental disorders which drive and dominate people.** In order to be able to decode these revelations, a person must think on a much higher level than he is capable of at this stage. He must see and understand, from My standpoint, the spiritual inner world of the souls enveloped in a physical body on earth. (from **The Advent of Christ** - Jakob Lorber and Gottfried Mayerhofer) boxxi

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boxxii **THE WRATH OF GOD** (Rev 6:17 & other) means **THE FIRE OF LORD'S TRUTH** or **THE NATURAL CREATION**

[11] But as long as you do not lift the stone from the grave, you are still a prisoner of death, and I can scream like a night watchman, and yet your Lazarus does not hear Me; because love does not penetrate through the stone, because the stone in itself is the true symbol of all lovelessness. A stone can only be smashed and destroyed by the voice of **My wrath**; **But My love does not put a stone in front of the mouth, but a trumpet.** (Explanation of Scriptures, chap. 15)

[6] But at the same time you can notice also that still a very great dark part of it are also making effort to put on the garment of light above their black garment to make from it and with it again a new anti-Christian paganism out of self-interest and lust of power. **But I Myself am letting My wrath – that means the fire of My truth – to break loose, and My angels of the new Earth are throwing themselves as it were with flaming swords on them and are chasing every further dark attempt on the run into the abyss of total destruction.** (GGJ Book 18, chap. 96)

27. "Of course, a *man* can become angry, for he is owing to his freedom trial a being alienated from Me and thus at times an opposite to Me, wherefore he can reunite with Me only through love for Me, - but **I, as the purest love, am totally incapable of wrath.**

28. "Once upon a time the love in Me was surrounded by wrath; but then infinity was still devoid of all created beings, both spiritual and material.

29. "But love seized the wrath oppressing it and set it substantially outside of itself.

30. "And behold, out of this wrath were created all the innumerable spirits, suns and worlds, this earth and all there is in it;

31. **Therefore, if you want to see the wrath of God in reality, look at the created things; they represent the wrath of God.**

32. "But they are by no means only a wrath, for My love is everywhere their mightiest component.

33. This holds and carries everything, and there is no other might, which would be stronger than it.

34. "Therefore, man shall not cling to the world, but shall extricate himself from it completely so as not to be devoured by it in the end and thus **be open to My wrath.** For the world is **my fettered wrath;** but whoever is with the world, is also prone to its fetters of eternal death.

35. "That which you would regard as 'wrath' so to speak, behold, is only My divine, most active zeal of love, which as such is My mercy.

36. "Thus you may say before Me whatever you like and I shall not be angry with you but shall throw light upon your foolish queries. (HHG vol. 1, chap. 231) boxxii

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boxxiii **THE ELDERS** from THE REVELATION OF JOHN mean THE SPIRITUAL CREATION; **THE FOUR ANIMALS** represent embodied ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Here you see again that, in order to be understandable, I had to make use of the intelligence of John; so the **number of the elders is 24** - a number, which in Jerusalem the superior priests had, where, together with the High Priest, 25 represented the whole Council.

As regards the **four animals** and the **sea of glass** first of all, the animals themselves are embodied attributes of My own Self: the **lion** as strength or omnipotence, the **calf**

symbolizing mildness, man as a spiritual potency, and the eagle as ruler of the universal ether. Notice that all these animals were adorned with many eyes, also had wings like eagles; this signifies the general ruling over earth and heaven, and the sea of glass represents omniscience. This means that before God's eye all things are transparent, nothing escapes it; with the swiftness of an eagle His piercing glance flies through the whole universe; with the power of a lion He governs everything; with the mildness of a calf He harmonizes all improper states. With the spirit like a man, as His image, He ennobles and spiritualizes everything in order that even material substance, being mindful of its spiritual origin, may arrive at the place whence it has proceeded. After all powers of creation, conscious or unconscious, bowed before the Only-Lord, also **the elders** fell down on their knees, who were to represent the spiritual great world in the Beyond in order to offer the befitting praise to their Creator as the Highest Lord. (**Explanation of The Revelation of John (The Apocalypse)** - *Received through Gottfried Mayerhofer – text from July 19, 1875*) lxxxiii

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lxxxiv **THE BOOK WITH 7 SEALS** is THE LORD'S TRUE DOCTRINE AS PRONOUNCED BY HIM TO THE PEOPLE. **THE 7 SEALS** represent THE 7 SPIRITS/ PROPERTIES OF GOD

The next chapter shows to John a **book with writing on every page, closed and sealed with seven seals**. This signifies **My only and true doctrine**, comprised in two commandments, which I pronounced to all men; this pronouncing by the "Son of Man" as "Lamb" - **the symbol of innocence and sufferance - means the "opening" of this book of life solidified with My seven properties** so that it should be made known to all creation, especially to the people of this earth!

And how this lamb - or I as the God-Man upon earth -had to **break the seven seals one after another**, and how the same had to correspond to the Seven Basic Properties of My inner Self, because My act of salvation was not meant only for this earth, but for entire material and spiritual creation, you will therefore discover that already the first symbol - namely seven horns and seven eyes – correspondingly signifies the actual earnest or firm will or power, with which I carried out, and will still carry out, My mission, accompanied by the properties of omnivision referring to each of these attributes.

The **first seal** represents to you a picture of how out of the book came a **white horse**, symbol of My all-encompassing **LOVE**, crowned by all the other properties, and with a bow to wound even the hardest of hearts in order that all things some day may dissolve in love.

Out of Love the world was created, out of Love I descended to earth, and out of Love shall consist the first foundation-stone, destined to establish My divine doctrine upon earth and never to be overcome.

The **second seal** released a **red horse**, symbol of **WISDOM**, or humanly expressed, of reason, the power of discernment, which wants to weigh all things critically; this power will compare the divine-heavenly doctrine to material existence; in that way it will thereby uncover differences, which of course have to appear, since it is impossible to serve two lords. Therefore, the result will not be peace, but conflict just as human passions get into conflict with the divine principles of the spiritual human soul, whereby fanaticism will be produced on both sides, religious wars outside and pangs of conscience inside, as a necessary consequence when two extremes are confronted with each other as contrasts.

The **third horse**, which appeared, was **black** and had in its hand a pair of scales; this was the firm and righteous **will** which had undertaken to carry out or to pursue the ultimate goal through all obstacles quite undisturbed. Correspondingly **the WILL is also the righteousness** which weighs actions, whereby good ones are rewarded by themselves, and the bad ones punished the same way.

Righteousness or justice should prevail everywhere in matters of belief as well as in social life. As Christ I taught people to comprehend better their own traditional doctrine. I taught them love, I taught them wisdom which "directs" love into the right measure. I taught them tolerance or justice toward all things and all people. - These three seals are already the key for how My doctrine should spread, if it wanted to fulfill this purpose, always having as goal the ennoblement of the human gender. The **fourth seal** shows you an ashy **pale horse**, that is, of undetermined color, neither cold nor warm, or symbolically, as it says there, **death**: for death does not signify a ceasing, only a **change**. Thus, in connection with the change caused by My doctrine, the color of the horse corresponds to the way of proceeding upwards or downwards; upwards to a higher spiritualization through accepting My doctrine, or downwards to the brutalization of even the noblest properties, which I, the Creator, have put into the human heart.

This seal, corresponding to **the ORDER** or lawful procedure of all created things, quite naturally leads to the explanation of the **fifth seal**, where the human sacrifices are figuratively represented; they are the ones who, according to the teaching, fall materially on account of human passions. Besides, already intimated is the victory in which participates everybody who - despising the material things - brings as an offering to the spiritual reality the best he had on earth, namely his own nature and his own physical body. Thus, as before in connection with the scales justice was represented, here are correspondingly intimated **the retribution** and the highest joys, which are allotted to these who, in the middle of the battle, are able to protect and carry high the banner of their God and His doctrine.

The **sixth seal** shows you a complete **revolution** upon the entire globe, which means: **the urge for the spiritual doctrine** will change all social conditions. The eager haste to attain to the one goal will rouse the adversary to an equal haste. War and destruction will arise within and without. The rulers will lay siege to weak nations and the nations, when their rights are curtailed too much, will assault the ones in power. Thus the religion of love, peace and tolerance, in its struggle to survive, will produce only the contrary; these powers will battle with each other, until the spiritual will be victorious. This sixth seal, therefore, corresponds to the **EARNEST**, which means nothing but this: All strife against it is in vain; where a God will assert His divine right, even stones must give in, for His is the justice and glory in all eternities.

Amen!

Behold, those who were marked with the seal correspond to the ones who had overcome, and who will participate in those joys, of which I once said: *"They who believe My Word and do accordingly will enjoy happy conditions in the Beyond, which no human eye has ever seen and no human ear ever heard."*

These happy conditions are intimated by the **long, festive white robes**, corresponding to innocence; and the ones thus marked will receive the reward for all their sufferings and the distress which they have endured on account of Me and in the name of My religion.

In this manner the entire picture will unfold gradually, wherein the whole history of My doctrine will be clearly shown in certain periods of time, from the first word of love to all wars of religion, persecutions and fanatical offerings by priests.

The opening of the **seventh seal**, or the end of the entire evolutionary process, revealed to John in this chapter, where in spite of all plagues and calamities in reality only **COMPASSION does its last work**, is pictured in **the seven trumpets and the following plagues**, which will be only **means of cleansing in order to lead humanity back to its best**. (**Explanation of The Revelation of John (The Apocalypse) - Received through Gottfried Mayerhofer – text from July 19, 1875; Gifts of Heaven 1)** **lxxxiv**

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lxxxv THE SCORPIONS, THE DRAGONS WITH SEVEN HEADS, TEN HORNS AND GOLDEN CROWNS represent THE FALSIFICATION OF LORD'S PURE DOCTRINE or THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST

The scorpions, the dragons with seven heads, ten horns and golden crowns all show the manifold explanation of My doctrine, how sometimes it compelled the people, supported by

worldly power, to accept certain religious dogmas and ceremonies, from where religious sects arose.

The dominion of the church, well known to you from history, its tendencies and the means, which it used in order to attain the power, to which it really had lifted itself, and how the people in large numbers fell victim to the fanaticism of the Roman church and its inquisitions - this are all these pictures, which would move before your eyes like a panorama, if you wanted to read (with spiritual understanding) **the history of the popes, kings and nations. (Explanation of The Revelation of John (The Apocalypse) - Received through Gottfried Mayerhofer – text from July 19, 1875)**

And behold, I now see a much bigger one among them. **This beast has seven heads, with ten points like swords upon each head**, with a glowing crown upon each point. When it submerges, the blood hisses, steaming over the top. The flow escalates, yet the vessel will not fill, the beast feeding greedily, the unconsumed portion turning into steam and smoke! (From Hell to Heaven, vol. 1, chap. 89)

4. “The way I see it, this seven-headed monster signifies **the actual spirit of the Anti-Christ** and his rule within his own excrement. The worm represents the great shamelessness emanating from the bend for domination, acquisition, lying and deception. The **seven heads** are like the **seven main vices**, from which originate **the seven main sins – arrogance, tyranny, jealousy, envy and deathly meanness, irreconcilable hate, treason and lastly murder!** From these go forth **lust, filthiness, gluttony, unchastity, fornication, lack of regard for neighbour and persecution of everything daring to breath freely, shamelessness and infamy, total unscrupulousness and finally complete disobedience and godlessness!** These necessary results out of the first seven man vices are then those visible ten, same points perpetually visible above each head. There were also glowing crowns upon the points, through which the animal was evaporating away the blood when this threatened to fill the vessel. These glowings appear to indicate fullest tyranny, which is an abomination before You, oh Lord, and which now has even taken possession of the people’s hearts. But even more clearly, **these crowns seem to indicate politics to me, as a multi-promise cover**, hiding the death-bringing rapier-point. Should anyone touch the cloak, same is aglow with the tyrant’s rage hearth at the blind people, burning anyone trying to seize such. (From Hell to Heaven, vol. 1, chap. 94) **lxxxv**

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lxxxvi THE BOWELS OF WRATH signify THE PLAGUES AND WARS OF HUMANITY

The **bowls of wrath** and their individual effects signify the **plagues and wars** which man had caused in part by his own unnatural life and in part by malicious wars and horrors; still today, where you live, you can notice for yourselves how the effects of egoism, materialism, the unrestrained passions of man cause in general as well as in part - all sorts of accidents: accidents at sea on account of greed for gain, accidents on land for the same reason, accidents by physical forces, caused by bad management of the people in connection with their own soil (upon and under it), suicides and murders of all kinds as the result of wanting religious feeling, and lacking belief in another world, etc.

Take all this together and write it down in the symbolic language of the orient, as once My disciple John did, and you will be able to add to the 7 bowls of wrath another 7, which likewise would describe terrible conditions.[...]

From the bowls of wrath and their vent - as symbol **that the evil and the unnatural must punish itself** - you see this all clearly before you how My seven properties gradually stimulate to the better, how man's free nature resists them, how erring upon erring, mistakes upon mistakes follow, how all effort is in vain, and how it is impossible totally to banish My words from man's mind, and how even the most vicious and most evil attitude nevertheless must and will lead to the better. . (**Explanation of The Revelation of John (The Apocalypse)** - *Received through Gottfried Mayerhofer – text from July 19, 1875*)

Whilst your hearts are receptive for the soft harmonies of love, trumpets must be sounded for others as is mentioned by My beloved disciple John, when angels will be pouring out the vials of wrath upon those who are hard of hearing and who, notwithstanding all warnings, do not listen to My words of love.

I have already repeatedly proclaimed that bad times will. be coming. I once more repeat: Bad times are ahead of you. Make already now every effort to change for the better so that in the knowledge of this you have a shield against all the bitter events. Actually, they are bitter only for those who, used to the honey of a worldly material life of pleasure, do not regard the bitter remedy as a medicine, but as a destructive poison. This is the meaning of that sermon of repentance for you and for the coming times. Who has ears, let him hear! Amen. - (The Lord's Sermons, chap. 4) **lxxxvi**

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lxxxvii **THE WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN AND DELIVERING A CHILD** (Rev 12:1,2,5) is THE LORD'S DOCTRINE and THE CHILD is THE DIVINE LOVE awakened by her in man's heart or THE

ETERNAL LIFE. **THE MOON** symbolizes SELF-LOVE, **THE 12 STARS** stand for THE 10 COMMANDMENTS PLUS THE 2 COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE.

Revelation, John Chap. 12, 1,2 and 5

Text: And a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and with a crown-like garland of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and she cried out in her birth pangs, in the anguish. of her delivery. - And she brought forth a male Child, One Who is destined to shepherd all the nations with an iron staff, and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Revelation received by Jakob Lorber on December 21, 1846.

Disclosure: But friends, how can you not understand such a clear and simple matter which so closely concerns you all and is already so clearly unfolded before your eyes: Where do you have your spirit, where your mind? Whereto is it directed? It might be quite sensible for somebody to ask at night "Where is the sun?" But to enquire during daylight where the sun might be, would that not be blind or eagerly to close one's eyes and with the position of the sun to play what you call "blind mouse"?

What then is the "woman," which appears in heaven clothed with the sun? The "woman" is the noble picture of a human being without the strength to bring forth, but nevertheless receptive and able to do so. Accordingly this woman is a perfect image of man, hence no scuffled picture, no "off-measure" of man.

Likewise is also My doctrine which, of course, appears in the most perfect heaven, because it is within Me and proceeds from Me; it is, like the woman, a most perfect symmetry for the spiritual man, yet by Itself not capable of bringing forth. But by My doctrine man becomes receptive for all good which is love, that is, pure, heavenly divine love which is the everlasting spiritual life out of Me, the "Child", with which My doctrine becomes fertile in the heart of man.

I speak• only of my pure doctrine as of a perfect heavenly woman, not of a false doctrine and a monkey woman. It is quite natural that this perfect woman, or My pure doctrine, is surely clothed with the sun or with My Light of all light, because it comes out of Me!

Because this most perfect, heavenly woman, or My purest doctrine, is capable of receiving only heavenly love out of He, she tramples upon **the moon as the unsteady symbol of self-love or worldly love** - in order to speak to you somewhat scholarly - a polarity which is totally opposed to her heavenly nature; thus she is also adorned with **twelve "stars", that is, the ten commandments of Moses, and uppermost the two commandments of Christian love, not**

with the twelve apostles or with the twelve tribes of Israel, but -as already said - adorned with all twelve laws of everlasting life.

The woman, or the active doctrine out of Me within man, becomes, and already is, pregnant. With what? Have you never heard of rebirth? Does it not say: "What is not born out of the spirit cannot enter into the Kingdom of God!"?

Behold, the **Child**, with which the woman is pregnant, is the Pure Divine Love, which causes outer man **great pain** because of the manifold self-denials, until this heavenly love within man's spirit becomes mature for glorious rebirth into everlasting life.

You must not imagine that mere doctrine as the designated woman would become pregnant - no - **only live active doctrine, taken up within the belief of man, is the designated pregnant woman, from which love to God is born as a new child, and this is rebirth into everlasting life.** But the Child is male! Why not female, a woman to develop further? - Because in this love, as in man not in woman, lies and must lie the creative power of bringing forth.

This Child, or the love to God (that is divine Love) born out of My doctrine within man's spirit, will then with an iron scepter or with the most unyielding power of God subdue all nations, or all demands and sensuous passions of the world, and will thereby, out of Me, draw the spirit of man and all his inclinations to Me, and will have his happiness at My throne, which is the true Wisdom out of Me everlastingly!

Behold, this is the most easily conceivable meaning of these verses; all things must thus be considered and understood in this only, true light, otherwise it is a twilight that in the course of time will mislead every guide into dark swamps and morasses. This should be well understood and taken care of. Amen. **lxxxvii**

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lxxxviii In Rev 13 **THE DRAGON** means SATAN, **THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA** means SELF-LOVE/ THE CULTURE OF SELFISHNESS, A **WOUNDED HEAD** is THE PUNISHABLE THEFT OR ROBBERY, **THE LAMBLIKE BEAST** is THE INDUSTRY (TECHNOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION); **THE MARK OF THE RIGHT HAND AND THE FOREHEAD** (MARK OF THE BEAST) is THE DESIRE TO RULE BY EITHER POWER OR WORLDLY REASON. THE MEANING OF **666**

Revelation, John Chapter 13, 15-18

Text: And he was permitted also to impart the breath of life into the beast's image so that the statue of the beast could actually talk, and to cause to be put to death those who would not bow

down and worship the image of the beast. (see also Dan. 3:5) Also he compels all (alike), both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave to be marked with an inscription (stamped) on their right hands or on their foreheads. So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), that is, the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is (room for) discernment - a call for the wisdom (of interpretation); let anyone who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number of the beast, for it is a human number - the number of a certain man; his number is six hundred and sixty six.

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In My name go ahead and write, I know what you are lacking; your prolonged eyes do not suffice for reaching far-distant things in order to see them; in case of semi-distant objects you only see the one-sided bark; but of the very near ones you do not see anything, as they are too close and therefore offer less interest. These verses of the Revelation are however within easy reach, yet you cannot grasp them: Indeed, the simpler a thing, the more stupid you behave; next time ask for that which seems easiest to understand. Verily, then you certainly will become more humble than by these super-easily understandable four verses, - therefore hearken:

In the beginning this chapter speaks of **three beasts**: Firstly **the principal dragon**, secondly the **beast that arises from the sea with seven ten-horned heads**, and thirdly a **lamblike animal with two horns on its head**.

You already know who the **principal dragon** is after I have told you so often and especially in the "Twelve Hours" of My arch-enemy:

But if you wish to recognize **the second beast**, look at your own, so near, **self love**, and you will find confirmed all its attributes. It comes up from the sea of all selfish desires, having **seven heads, that is, for each commandment of neighborly love an individual head with ten horns**, by which in the case of each head, so to speak, all the commandments are contravened. A **wounded head is the punishable theft or robbery**; and does this injure the beast in any way? Oh no, for, this wounded head is, indeed, completely healed by all **the political state- and trade-laws**; thus the whole world is living under such laws and acting accordingly; thereby the whole world is daily mocking the lamb and its commandments.

The third beast comes up out of the earth, looks like a lamb, but has 2 horns. What is this?

I tell you, it is the one nearest to you: it is your **industry** which greatly supports and finally even idolizes the beast from the water and with its two horns directly contravenes the ten commandments of love: A glance at **America** and **England** proves that it is so:

To what an extent, however, this third beast is such industry, is shown for instance by the most cruel maltreatment of children in English and American factories, where children must work

from 5 o'clock in the morning to about 9 o'clock in the evening, constantly standing, almost half-naked, often beginning already with their eighth year of life [*situation in the mid- 1800s, editor*]. Only once in the day they are given some poor-quality bread to eat and get no more than 15 minutes of rest at noon; each minute above is punished by terrible lashes with the whip. Beyond their destination as individual slaves they do not receive any education. If only you could really see with Me and through Me the nature of industry, you would say: "O Father, that is indeed the Dragon himself!"

Does not the second beast exercise all power of the first beast, whose head-wound was healed? Does it not cause that the former, wounded beast is fully worshipped by almost all principal inhabitants of the earth? Do they not everywhere speak of adored kings, princes and other industrial founders and inventors? Are not monuments erected in their honor in the whole world? **Does it not perform the greatest signs and make fire fall from heaven?** That is, it teaches quite reasonably before the blind people, as if such diligence were the actual nature of all religion - the most dignified veneration of God, perhaps even the best adoration? Is that not pure robbery of the fire from heaven to make people believe that I may be venerated also through horror? This will continue yet for a short while:

Behold, **the seduction of earth's inhabitants, the beast's statue with the sword-wound of all political justice**, is now completely alive: People were forced even with their blood to erect this statue; now it glitters, speaks and commands, kills and is adored by all worms and greenhorns, who on account of this are being given the title of **scholars** and **journalists**; they are adored still by a numberless host of blowflies, who want to have something of everything without working in order to gain thereby.

But now, should anybody dare *not* to adore this beast, he will soon find out what worldly hour has struck for him!

This, however, is the spirit within the beast's statue, that self-love and avarice with all the great of the world have reached their highest zenith, which is **the full number 666**, since **self-love is equal to 600, the robbed fire from heaven 60 - that is the divine commandment applied selfishly: - and finally only 6 to neighborly love**, which means the most complete slavery: Instead of giving for one hundred, one demands for one hundred:

Behold now and comprehend **the mark of the right hand and the forehead** among great and small, rich and poor, free and slaves! Is it not **the desire to rule by either power or worldly reason**? Tell Me whether one can achieve anything without this mark? Without this mark what is one person to the other? I tell you, if anybody among you has daughters, would he gladly give them to an "unmarked" person, or will they ask for an "unmarked one"? -Therefore, can anybody still procure worldly happiness, without having a mark, or having received an office by the beast?

You, yourselves, are "marked" - with the exception of My scribe, whom I have kept unmarked until now with great effort. I tell you however, if I permitted him to ask for one of your daughters, would you not look at him strangely and advise him politely to desist there from, since it would not be profitable, because he is not "marked" ?

If you did such a thing with one whom I have made into your light during the night of nights, what would you do, if another unmarked person dared to demand such a thing from you? - I tell you, you would wall your daughters in alive, that is you would send them to a convent:

I think, the mark will now be sufficiently clear to you. Who is able to buy and sell now without this mark?

But **the 42 months** will soon come to an end, since **the commandments of neighborly love have already been applied 5 times 7 times to self love**; yet I tell you, endeavor to annihilate the mark through the fire of My Love, and you will attain true, inner life: Since **this mark burns every one out into the world**, it is therefore just now so difficult to attain inner life out of Me and within Me; wherefore permit that **I burn you back from the world of the beast through My Love**; then you will find life, now and forever! Amen, amen, amen! “ *Received by Jakob Lorber on May 7, 1841*

Take **the number 666** which in its good or bad sense - depicts either a perfected human being or a perfected devil.

Divide man's love evenly into 666 parts. Of these give to God 600, to the fellowman 60, and to yourself 6, then you have the right proportions of a perfected human being. But if you choose to be a perfected devil, then give God 6, your fellowman 60, and yourself 600!"

“Watch however, primarily for **My arrival within you** and worry less about the general one. Tell Me within your hearts in prayer for which you care in general. Don't bother about the rest. Because the great When, How and Why lies safely in the best of hands! This I am telling you, your great, holy and most loving Father.” (Gifts of Heaven 1, pg 319,16 or HiG.01_41.03.25.b,16) **lxxxviii**

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lxxxix THE IMAGES OF THE REVELATION depict THE TRIALS IN THE EVOLUTION OF BOTH HUMANITY AND THE INDIVIDUAL, PARTICULARLY IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE LORD'S FIRST AND SECOND COMING

Wherefore consider this explanation of **the Revelation as a picture, which presents to you all phases that one single idea of God has to go through in order to arrive at its real value!** Take these pictures as a symbol of how much it costs till the good vanquishes and the evil declares itself conquered: Being spiritual thinkers, take these pictures as corresponding intimations; for as John spiritually saw the course of Christianity, so in the life-course of each individual the same is reflected in spiritual and material development. **Such struggles, such trumpet-calls, such bowls of wrath will be emptied over ideas** - and blessed is the one who, making use even of the most bitter, nevertheless understands to extract from it what is salutary:

The spiritual process of purification and development is everywhere the same, namely, a struggle between spiritual nature and animal nature, the offering of oneself and tolerance toward others; thus everybody should examine his own life and he will find in these pictures of revelation more or less recorded **his own life story**.

He will find many a flower and many a leaf parched on the tree of sweet hopes; he will discover many a water of living truths dried up. He will see many a wicked, seducing passion ascend as a **dragon** out of the bottom of his human heart; and he will find many a childlike idea of pure love destroyed or chased away by animal passions.

The **multi-headed hydra of doubts**, crowned with formulas of excuses which endeavor to quiet one's conscience in connection with wicked or forbidden actions, etc. **Everyone could trace in his own heart all phases of the Revelation**; fortunate the one who upon this rapid torrent of human passions, carefully navigating the cliffs, has finally arrived at the haven of rest, of spiritual rest. His own consciousness will give the palm of victory also to him; his head will swell with the thought how a kind fate guided him safely through all dangers and how he can thank his God for it; finally after such long and stormy struggles a time of peace and clear consciousness has come where he arrived at the recognition of the only truth which shows him his further way and has clearly designed for him his mission in both this and the other world. **(Explanation of The Revelation of John (The Apocalypse) - Received through Gottfried Mayerhofer – text from July 19, 1875)**

This Revelation of John or – I prefer to say - this picture of manners for the entire period, which came over your earth after My transition into the domain of the spirits (until now and My return) [...] As long as man does not comprehend the interpretation or the spiritual meaning of words (called correspondence), it is useless to attempt the grasping of My Words in their innermost sense.[...] **in this Revelation you find only symbolic pictures; [...]** Behold, from all this you come to the conclusion that the writings of the Old and New Testaments contain much which is not meant as the letter shows, but which nevertheless - well adapted to the understanding of that time - embraces forever the great spiritual germ where,

beginning with you people presently alive, your descendants, then the spirits in the highest Beyond with all their various gradations, and even the angelic spirits will always find therein increasingly sublime realities, the higher they stand, and the greater their own spiritual development and understanding is.


In this way all My words must be taken; thus they were and will be forever a rich mine of wealth with spiritual treasures which can never become exhausted, because I, as an endless Spirit, could think and speak only endless things and have My scribes write them down. bookix

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xc THE PROPHECIES AND REVELATIONS CONCERNING THE PERIOD BEFORE THE SECOND COMING (INCLUSIVE) refer to THE DESTINY OF LORD'S TEACHING and parallel HIS MINISTRY, DEATH AND RESURRECTION

To give you a clear understanding of this process of spiritualization and to explain to you the significance of My resurrection, as well as My passion during My last days on earth, I have to remind you of the fact that **all My deeds and words, even the world events during the years of My ministry, would be recurring gradually until My now imminent second advent. But it will all happen in spiritual parallels and not actually to My person as it did then. What, at that time, I had to suffer as the Son of man, applied also to the progress of My teaching, which now represents Me spiritually on your earth. This, too, was contaminated, mocked, and abused; then it was buried in your churches - as large sepulchers - and a heavy stone, the stone of empty ceremonies, is blocking it.** There it was to rest for ever and be of use only to those who wish to benefit from it in their worldly life and not in their spiritual life. **The course of world history is an exact counterpart of the years of My ministry.** Just as there are in your life three important spiritual stages: childhood (corresponding to unconditional; faith), adolescence (corresponding to the forming of an opinion of what was believed), and manhood (corresponding to discrimination between appearance and actual fact), thus, also, My teaching went through all these phases, partly during My ministry, partly later after My decease, right to this day and to the future. In the beginning, I, too, compelled the world around me, partly through My miracles to believe and partly educating people like children. And once they began to understand Me, they found through their judgment the truth of what had previously only believed. That is, they entered adolescence. When, in this way, their belief and knowledge had been strengthened, they became mature, stood by My teaching and Me with conviction, corroborating with word and deed what to them seemed the holiest, the supreme knowledge. The history of My religion, the way it was later to be spread, presents to you the same stages, with the sole difference that at the time I, Myself, was teaching, there was no reason for excluding or protesting. However, when people, driven by human passions and guided by worldly opinions and interests, wanted to imitate Me, they turned the divine into what was worldly, gave men only the outer bark instead of the core of spiritual life and, as a result, the good was rejected together with the bad when men had matured and could use their own judgment. This is what brought about the extremes of people who believed everything I taught and those who believed nothing.

Now, as the spiritual stirring is getting stronger, when the corpse in the sepulcher, sealed and covered with a stone, is preparing to rise, now, they still want to begin - like once did Mary Magdalene - to prevent the corpse's decay by means of spices and scents. But, like Mary Magdalene who was disappointed because she found the sepulcher empty, the guardians of the spiritual sepulcher of My teaching will also be disappointed. They will find the sepulcher empty with only the shroud left behind wherein they had wrapped the body of My teaching. But the One Whom they believed to have kept there under lock and key will have risen, will find His disciples and adherents Himself, and give them new courage and zeal through His presence. The closer this time is approaching, the greater becomes the zeal to preserve and guard the corpse. As once My sepulcher was guarded by Roman soldiers who were unbelievers, so today is the same tendency to have an armed foreign power support those who defile and condemn My teaching of love. But in vain, already the first ray of light is breaking through onto the stone cover of the sepulcher! And as every stone begins to vibrate when the first ray of the morning sun falls onto it and continues until the stone is warmed and extends that warmth to what is beneath it, so the coffin-lid is already starting to vibrate. This vibration will keep increasing the more the reaction would like to condemn it to eternal rest. The ray of the spiritual love-sun is going to roll away the stone, drive off the powers that are spiritually asleep, and leaving them and their helpers only the shroud, once more revive the "corpse" and guide it on to its perfection on the path of light. It is dark in the sepulcher, but the Light-God of Divine Truth wants only light; and light gives warmth, and warmth gives life. Thus, also, **the corpse of My teaching will rise from the sepulcher into which it had been put by worldly selfishness and lust for power. It will increase the light, warmth, and life, where they are already glowing in human hearts and spread with blessing these three elements where they may have been lacking completely.**

This is the spiritual picture of My resurrection in My teaching of love, which I actually performed almost two thousand years ago and which will soon, once more, be taking place all over the world. As once My disciples and followers rejoiced at My rising, also this resurrection will be celebrated by all humanity and every individual in his own heart. Thus I am going to rise in the hearts of My faithful when they shall have thrown away the shrouds in which they had wrapped Me, leave all worldly ceremonies and religious rites far behind them, believe only in the spiritual meaning of My teaching, and actually practice what they believe. This resurrection in the hearts will be the rebirth, the final step towards breaking with the world and the first step or beginning of a spiritual life where material ties will no longer have the power to lead man astray or delay him on his road to spiritualization. Therefore, Awake, My children! Open your spiritual eyes, ears, and hearts! Jesus represented through His gentle teaching of meekness and love, Who on the cross loved not only His neighbor but prayed for His enemies, this Jesus shall rise within you! (The Lord's Sermons, Sermon 18) 

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